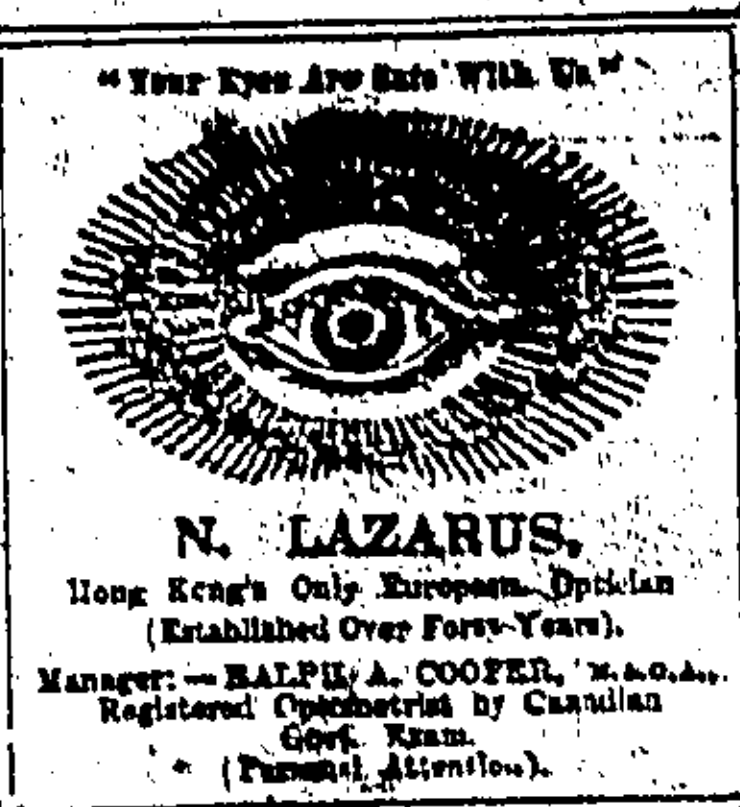


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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yanmat ...Dep.	8.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	8.58	8.23	9.28	10.18	12.18	1.33	2.33	4.53	6.03
Taipei ...Dep.	9.07	8.32	9.37	10.27	12.27	1.42	2.42	5.02	6.12
Taipei Market ...Dep.	9.16	8.41	9.46	10.36	12.36	1.51	2.51	5.11	6.21
Fanning ...Dep.	9.25	8.50	9.55	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Shenzhen ...Dep.	9.34	8.59	10.04	10.54	12.54	2.09	3.09	5.29	6.39
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.14	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.12	5.32	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	8.05	—	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.18	8.06	10.34	11.08	11.44	3.08	4.48	5.56	—
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.44	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.54	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Shatin ...Arr.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.21	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Yanmat ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	9.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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Taipei ...Dep.	9.07	8.32	9.37	10.27	12.27	1.42	2.42	5.02	6.12
Taipei Market ...Dep.	9.16	8.41	9.46	10.36	12.36	1.51	2.51	5.11	6.21
Fanning ...Dep.	9.25	8.50	9.55	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Shenzhen ...Dep.	9.34	8.59	10.04	10.54	12.54	2.09	3.09	5.29	6.39
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DISCOVERY OF AN OLD TOOTH NEAR PEKING.

FLUTTER IN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES.

DIFFICULTIES OF ESTABLISHING THE "TOTE."

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, December 11th.

In recent years we have heard a lot about the discovery of skulls of prehistoric people, and as is well-known the oldest to date is the Pittdown man, whose skull is supposed to place him as belonging to a race of beings somewhere between the ape and the human. Now, the reported discovery of a tooth near Peking has sent the scientists here into all sorts of speculations as to whether this is, as alleged, part of a man older than any relic which has yet been found. There are some people rash enough to write to the papers saying that the discovery confirms the theory that Asia was the cradle of the human race.

It is an interesting speculation at any time where the first human beings lived. But there is no means of deciding the matter. The subject can be discussed without ever coming to a decision. A correspondent of a London paper aptly observes that if Central Asia were thoroughly explored by archaeologists and a considerable number of remains were found of great antiquity there might be something in it, but there are many ways of accounting for the teeth reported from Peking.

At present the evidence allows us to place the cradle of the human race where we please, and frankly I cannot see why if I like I cannot argue it was at Malda Vale or Eppom!

Smithfield Show.

London has been invaded this week by an army of ruddy-faced folk from the country, farmers and stockbreeders and their men, who are here for the Smithfield Show at Islington. The Show has been held annually in its present form since the year 1600, and it is the historical successor of a market that began in the dim past of the Middle Ages. The experts on the subject have been pointing out that for many years after the Show was started the average weight of the ox was 350lb. and the sheep was no bigger than a terrier. A century later the ox had been bred to weigh about 550lb. and it is well-known that for many years past until quite recently these animals were of monstrous size.

From what was said at the meeting of the Farmers' Club in London it seems that the day of the abnormally big animal is past. The public, it is stated, prefer small joints, and the man who makes his business to raise cattle for market now finds it is more profitable to breed two moderate-sized animals than one giant. There is the further statement that the public buy foreign meat because imported joints are smaller. This is not the whole story, I think, but the true reason is that the public cannot get anything else to eat in hotels and restaurants. It is the exception and not the rule to obtain a cut off a joint of English meat in London in these days. Foreign meat is cheaper and, of course, for that reason it is put before the public.

Parliament and The Totalisator.

It is becoming fairly evident that the Betting Tax was imposed without weighing all the consequences. Mr. Churchill has been pleased with the revenue that he has obtained from that source, but one result is that neither he nor the Government can escape the fact that a strong argument has been made out for the repeal of an important section of the law which restricts gaming and wagering.

(Continued on next column.)

£1,100 PAID FOR A GREY HOUND.

MUCH HIGHER PRICES IN PROSPECT.

SPECULATION BEGINS.

Fears of possible interference with greyhound racing have been removed, for the moment at least, and this, coupled with the news that racing will take place at Wembley at an earlier date than that which was anticipated, has caused the price of greyhounds to advance beyond the wildest conjectures.

Waterwood, the dam of Golden Seal (winner of the last Waterloo Cup) was last week sold for the unprecedented figure for a bitch of £340.

Twelve hundred and sixty pounds was the price paid at the same time for a famous litter of six ten months old.

The price paid for Waterwood is a record, even for the dam of a Waterloo Cup winner. Hungwell, a winner of the Waterloo Cup, made £1,102 10s. at auction, and although higher figures for greyhounds are discussed, Hungwell's price is the highest authenticated price known.

The rise in the price of greyhounds since the racing boom began has been confined almost entirely to the cheaper class of greyhound but, looking to the prices just quoted, it would appear that the first-class stock was advancing in sympathy with the less valuable animals.

Broken Leg.

A greyhound with a broken leg is not a proposition which at first sight would appeal to the majority. Nevertheless the announcement by an auctioneer at the greyhound sales in London on Saturday that a greyhound had broken a leg a few weeks ago, did not deter purchasers from spirited bidding, which went up to £31 9s.

The demand for greyhounds is so great that speculators will go to thirty or forty guineas for any thing on four legs, even if three of these are not as good as they might be, and even dogs with very obvious affections of the skin make prices up to the figure named.

Belgium, with her unfavourable rate of exchange (approximately 160 francs to the pound) seeks greyhounds in England at the same figure, which means that at £30 the Belgian has to pay 4,800 francs per dog.

It is entirely within the bounds of possibility that for this time next year greyhounds here will cost easily eight times as much as they do at present, and that will be exactly in proportion with the rise in price which has already taken place.

A scrutiny of the prices realised in former years at October sales shows that the average price was £5, as against the average £40 today.

As previously noted in this correspondence, a Private Member's Bill is to be introduced next year to legalise the use of the Totalisator; but it seems that there will have to be an alteration in the law generally as it affects gaming before the "Tote" can be set up in this country. You cannot alter the law for the benefit of the Chancellor of the Exchequer alone, to enable him to use the Totalisator as a ready means of collecting the tax and in order to prevent book-makers evading it. Nor can the law be altered to apply only to horse-racing. There is a demand for greyhound racing to be included in any alteration that may be made at the instance of Parliament.

Thus we arrive at the stage that if the Totalisator is to be permitted legally there is no reason why we should not have State lotteries, and indeed the suggestion is being made that this means of helping the revenue might be applied by Mr. Churchill. The State lotteries bring in money in other countries, and why not here? But imagine the outcry if indeed the idea were to be seriously urged on the Government! Enough has been written to show the difficulties that still have to be surmounted before anything practical can be done.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Epiphany, Twelfth Day. Slight Cold (Hsiao-han). Chinese Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-8.30 p.m. Hockey: Navy v. R.A.F. (Sim's Shield); Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis; Marina Ground, 5 p.m.; H.K. University v. 5/2 Punjabis 2nd XI, Marina Ground, 5 p.m. Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. George's Society Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Out all Night." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off." Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Murea); Australia, etc. (Taiping).

Saturday.

Entries close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase Meeting, noon.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning; Annual Children's Sports at Kowloon Cricket Club.

Annual Yuletide Party for Children at Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club.

Yachting: 6th Championship Race for racing yachts.

Cricket League:—Division I: Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Navy; H.G.A. v. I.R.C. "B"; University v. Craighower C.C. Division II: Tamar v. H.K. Electric Co.; Recreation v. Royal Engineers; Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; K.C.C. v. Garrison; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.

Football League:—Division I: Club v. Queen's; Police v. Chinese Ath.; K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon; Air Force v. Recreation; South China v. Scots Guards. Division II: "A": South China "B" v. Kowloon; Royal Artillery v. South China "A"; Club v. University; Recreation v. Chinese Ath.; K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's; Division II: "B": St. Joseph's v. Kowloon; Chinese Ath. v. South China "B"; Scouts v. Moslems.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament, Leo Theatre, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Out All Night." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off." Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Murea), 10.30 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tyndareus), 10 a.m.

Sunday.

1st Sunday after Epiphany.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning; Qualifying Round Junior Championship.

Yachting: Naval Day.

Theosophical Society: Lecture on "A Spiritual Awakening," by Mr. J. Russell, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

"Cleric O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" in "Happy Moments," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Zalgo Haru); U.S.A., Canada, etc. (President Grant).

Monday.

Yachting: 5th Championship Race for Ladies' Section.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-8.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation for conferring of degrees, 5 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Lecture on "The Spirit of America," by Mr. J. D. Bush, at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" in "Happy Moments," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Tuesday.

Peace Treaty Ratified with Germany, 1920.

Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club 2nd XI v. 5/2 Punjabis, King's Park, 4.45 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club dance at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

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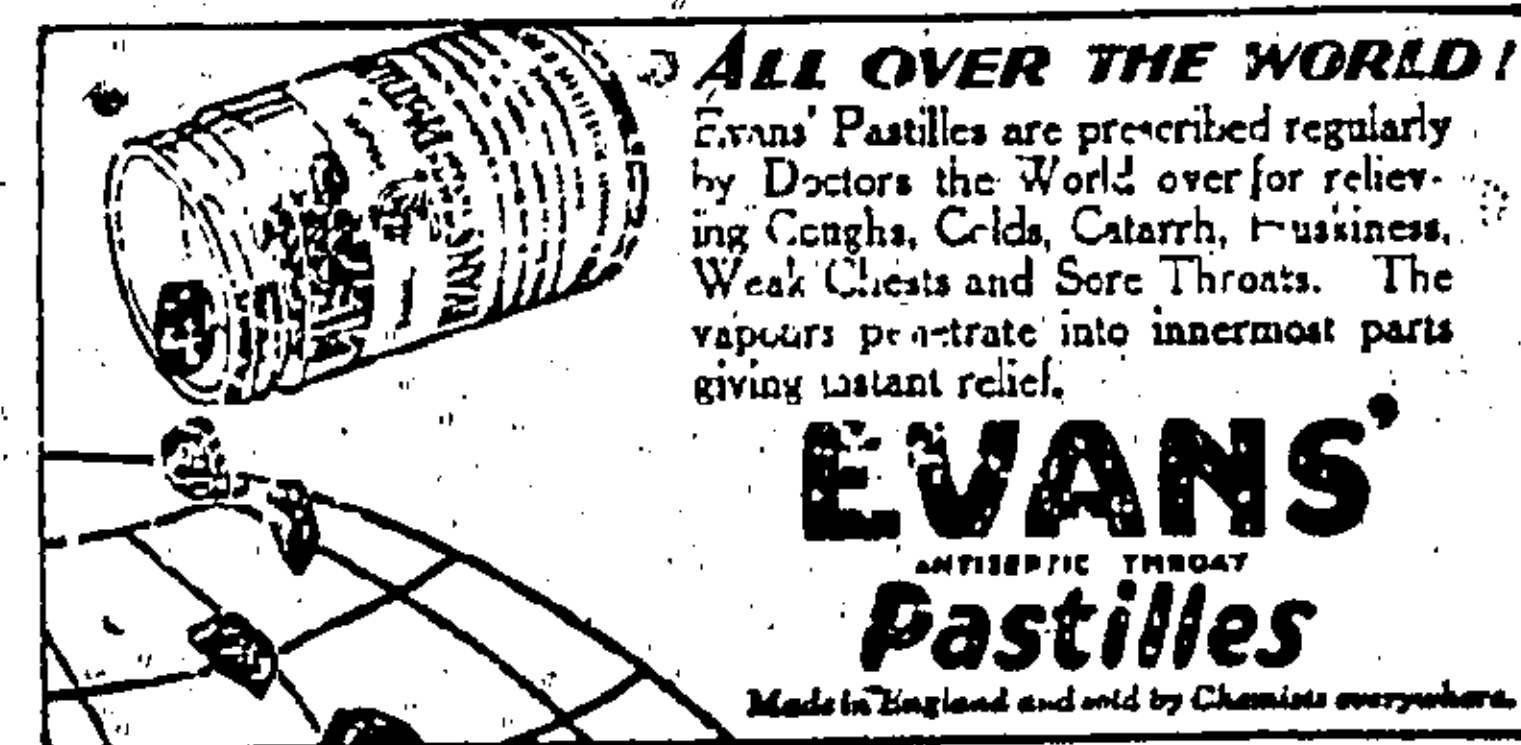
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COMMANDANT.]

No. 311.

1.—Musketry.

Sunday, January 6th, 1928.
Reserve Company and Casuals
will fire Part II. Table T. at Stone-
cutters Range.

Ranger Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at
9.10 a.m.
Dress: Uniform of multi optional,
but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces
and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, January
6th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or
2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and
on Saturday, January 7th, between
9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2.—Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have
not yet fired Part II. Lists of names
are posted on Corps Notice Boards.
All such will make arrangements to
fire by Sunday, January 29th, 1928,
the last day on which Part II. will
be fired.

3.—Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak
Range for the first six months of
1928 should be submitted to the
Adjutant immediately.

4.—Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 6th,
and Thursday, January 12th, 1928,
for Signal Instruction.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 15th, 1928.

Ranger Officer: Lieut. M. G. Noll.

5.—Artillery Company.

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances camp at Tai Lam will not
take place on the dates previously
arranged, but will now be held on
Sunday, January 8th, and Friday,
January 13th, to Sunday, January
15th, 1928.

Orders for Camp:—
Sunday, Jan. 8th:—Parade Kow-
loon Ferry 0730. Drill order:
Haversack drill.
Friday, Jan. 13th:—Parade Kow-
loon Ferry 1730. Drill order:
PARADES.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Thursday, January 5th and 12th, at
1928, and it is hoped that every
member will make a special point
of attending both parades in view
of the accelerated dates for camp.
The second gun is now available and
it is essential that Section Drill is
carried out before each week-end.

6.—Engineer Company.

Field Section: Parade at Corps
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wed-
nesday, January 11th, 1928, for
General Work. All members should
endeavour to parade and bring their
test cards.

7.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade arranged for Tuesday,
January 10th, 1928, is cancelled.

8.—Armoured Car Company.

Drivers will parade at 5.30 p.m.
at Corps Headquarters on Monday,
January 8th, 1928, to complete test
in stoppages at Kennedy Road
Range.

Motor, Cyclists and Armoured Car
Gun team under 2/Lieut. Hancock
for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress:
Multi.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 22nd, 1928.

Ranger Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie-
Owen.

9.—No. 2 Platoon.

Parade at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,
January 10th, 1928, at Corps Head-
quarters for M.G. Training. Dress:
multi, belt, rifle, and bayonet.
Camp pay will be issued during this
parade.

10.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, January 12th, 1928, at
5.30 p.m. Platoons will parade at
Platoon Headquarters for Squad
Drill with arms. Dress: Multi, rifle,
belt and bayonet.

Musketry Part II. All those who
have not yet fired must do so on
or before Sunday, January 20th,
1928.

11.—Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 6th,
1928. Dress: Multi. Organisation,
etc., miniature range.

Next Parade on Friday, January
13th, 1928.

All ranks who have not passed
Part II. Musketry should fire at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 15th. This is the last op-
portunity of qualifying for efficiency.
Ranger Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis,
M.C.

12.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken
on the strength on January 4th,
1928, and posted to the Portuguese
Company:—
No. 1288 Pte. J. M. da Silva.
No. 1287 Pte. A. A. da Silva.

13.—Transfer.

The following are transferred from
the Armoured Car Company to the
A.C. Sec. of the Reserve Company,
as from November 15th, 1927:—
•No. 605 Corpl. R. A. Wadeson,
M.C.

No. 887 Pte. Ho Ki.
No. 885 Pte. M. K. Lo.
No. 886 Pte. M. W. Lo.
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killer's method was given in the
Albert Hall before Mr. Cochran
and a few sympathisers. The place
was otherwise deserted.

It was a wonderful opportunity
for echoes, and the echo of the
Albert Hall was in great form. A
distant saw bit its way unseen
through a plank, and the peace of
the circles was shattered by a
scream. One of the demonstrators
shifted a foot on the stage, and the
dome awoke to thunder.

The experiments showed how an
echo is tracked to its home. A
miniature searchlight blazed from
the stage, casting a beam against
the top of the huge wall. Then the
current was interrupted, and the
searchlight began to stutter—like a
continuous roll of kettle-drums.
The spot of light moved round the
wall.

"Follow the light spot with your
eyes," said the chief expert. "You
can still hear the noise as coming
from the arc light on the stage,
can't you? Well, when the spot
of light covers a bad echo patch
you will lose the original sound in
its reflection up there, and the
noise will seem to come from the
source of the echo."

Silent.

The light moved on. "Ah!"
said the expert. "There you are."
The searchlight on the stage was
apparently silent. All the stutter
was coming from the roof. The
light made a circle of the hall, with
the noise now sinking to its real
source, now raising to rouse the
echo. Mr. Cochran and his sym-
pathisers were standing in the
arena, and they heard five separate
echoes as the searchlight swept
round.

About a quarter of the Albert
Hall is concerned with the echo,
and that quarter is situated in the
arena. The boxes and the galleries
escape; it is the arena, as of old,
into which the martyrs are flung.
"I shall walk about here," said
the expert, "until, with the aid
of the light spot, I have tracked
all the worse echo patches. Then
I shall dump them, and walk about
naked. Thus gradually we shall
have damped the echo entirely."
"With what?" said Mr.
Cochran.

"With panels of pulped sug-
arcane fibre," replied the expert
firmly. "The absorbent echoes like
blotting paper absorbs water."

SIR H. LAUDER TO ACT AGAIN.

FREEDOM CEREMONY IN
EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.

"You are driving me back to the
footlights," said Sir Harry Lauder
to the great crowd in the Usher
Hall, Edinburgh, when the freedom
of the city was conferred on him.
He added that he expected soon to
be back on the stage, and would
broadcast on December 28th.

The "guild ticket" admitting
Sir Harry a Burgess of the city re-
corded that the "honour" was in re-
cognition of his services to the
Aldie cause in the war, his efforts
for war charities, his work to
cement the ties of friendship with
the Dominions, and his pre-
eminence as an exponent of Scot-
tish song and humour.

Sir Harry, who sang to the au-
dience, announced at a subsequent
luncheon that he intended to found
three or four Trinity Hospital
pensions for old people to per-
petuate Lady Lauder's name.

14.—Exemption.

No. 1201 Gr. H. F. Sullivan,
Artillery Company, is excused all
duties as from December 23rd, 1927,
till return to the Colony.

15.—Leave.

The following are granted leave
of absence from the Corps to pro-
ceed to the United Kingdom.
Major R. Melville Smith, M.B.E.,
from January 1st to December
31st, 1928.

Capt. E. F. Minett, T.D. V.D.,
from January 25th to Novem-
ber 24th, 1928.

No. 515 Pte. F. E. Lawrence,
Medical Sec., from February
1st to December 31st, 1928.

15.—Struck Off The Strength.

Having purchased discharge, as
from November 1st, 1927:—No. 1199
Pte. A. C. Wilkinson, No. 2 Platoon.

Having completed 3 years' service
and claimed his discharge, as from
November 1st, 1927:—No. 1008 Pte.
A. L. S. Read, Medical Section.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, January 6th, 1928.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.
The next monthly spoon shoot will
be held at the Peak Range on
Sunday, January 8th, 1928, at 9.30
a.m.

VICAR IN DRUG SELLING CASE.

WOMAN DIRECTOR OF A
COMPANY.

COURT REVELATION.

LONDON, Dec. 27th.

The sensational revelation that
"Howard Barron," who appeared
at the South-Western Police Court
accused of being concerned in the
alleged sale of noxious drugs, was
"apparently the Rev. Francis
Bacon, vicar of All Saints', Bux-
ton-street, Mile End," was made
by Sir Travers Humphreys, who
prosecuted.

Annie Bolton, aged thirty, of
Felsham-road, Putney, described as
a managing director, appeared on
remand on the charge of unlawfully
supplying certain noxious pills
knowing them to be unlawfully
used by women.

Sir Travers Humphreys, refer-
ring to "Howard Barron," said:
"He conducted the Powell Manu-
facturing Company, which has
been mentioned, which carried on
what I can only call a contra-
productive business."

Sir Travers added that there was
also a business carried on under
the name of Dr. Hannah Brown,
and last March this was handed
over to "Howard Barron," Miss
Bolton, and a man named Casson,
also known as Carlton, who was
out of the country. This business
was carried on in the same circum-
stances as the other.

Policewoman's Pills.

Sir Travers Humphreys told the
magistrate at last week's hearing
of the case against the woman that
the "Dr. Hannah Brown" busi-
ness was carried on by Bolton at
Pirbright-road, Southfields. Mrs.
Pearson, a policewoman, wrote to
her, and received a packet of pills.
It was stated at the same hearing
by Mr. Frederick Harold Wood-
ward, cashier of the Southfields
branch of the Midland Bank, that
Bolton was introduced to him by
a man he knew as Mr. Barron,
whose address was then given as
Replingham-road, Southfields.

Mr. Ernest Wotton defended the
woman.
Mr. H. Dashwood, the Bishop of
London's legal secretary, watched
the case on the bishop's behalf.

Inspector Allum, of Scotland-
yard, stated that he visited "Bar-
ron" at his vicarage, and question-
ed him about the business carried
on at Southfields.

He said that Barron stated: "I
carried on the business, but only
made about £10 this year."

"Barron" asked if it was neces-
sary for his real name to come out,
and said: "Could not the name
of Howard Barron be used to save
scandal?"

Inspector Allum said that he de-
clined to advise him about that,
and told him that the matter was
going to be dealt with by the Director
of Public Prosecutions.
Sir Travers Humphreys put in
a document purporting to be an
agreement between Howard Barron
and Annie Bolton, under which the
business at Replingham-road,
Southfields, was to be conducted by
Bolton.

"Dr. Hannah Brown."
The document was signed "How-
ard Barron," and was on paper
which bore the printed heading
"Dr. Hannah Brown's Remedy."

Inspector Nicholls produced cor-
respondence found on the premises
at Southfields relating to a number
of married women, and these let-
ters were handed to the magistrate,
but were not read in court.

Evidence was also given of cheque
books, postal orders, and drugs
having been discovered.
A number of bank cashiers fol-
lowed each other into the witness-
box to give evidence that accounts
had been opened in the names of
H. Barron and A. Bolton in
different parts of London. It was
stated that Barron gave an address
at Cambridge-street, Piccadilly.

A clerk from Somerset House
proved that the Powell Manu-
facturing Company was registered in
October 1906. In 1924 the direc-
torate was changed to Howard Bar-
ron and Annie Bolton, who took
the place of F. Casson, who had
resigned.

The case was adjourned.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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Copenhagen 18.23
Vienna 34.66
Helsingfors 193
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Bucharest 4.87
Buenos Aires 47.13/18
New York 4.87
Geneva 35.28
Milan 92.35
Stockholm 18.11
Oslo 18.54
Prague 164
Madrid 28.23
Athens 367
Rio 5/5.29/32
Bombay 1/6.1/18
Yokohama 1/10.31/32
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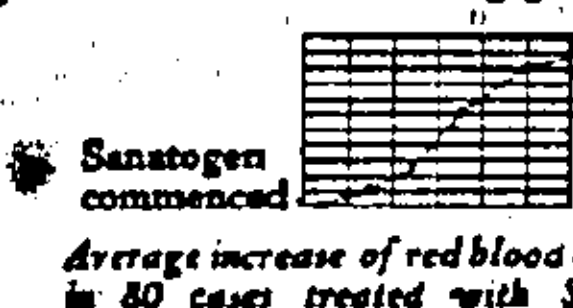
Sir Gilbert Parker, Bt.,
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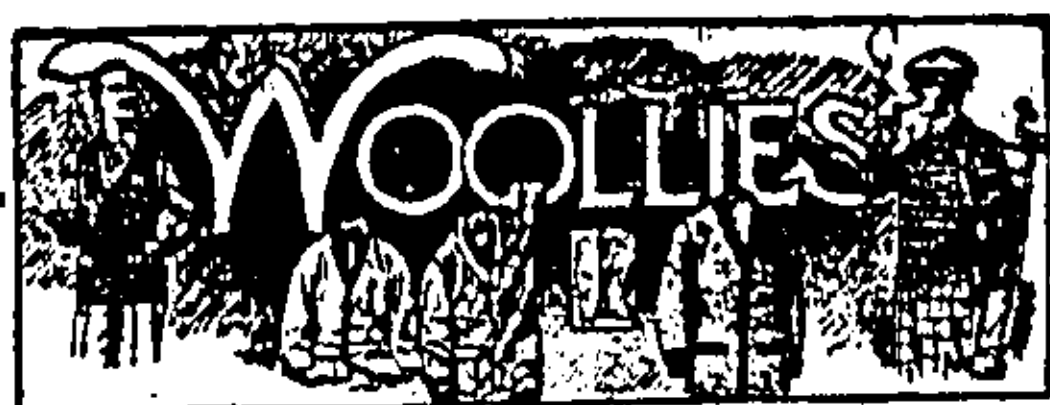
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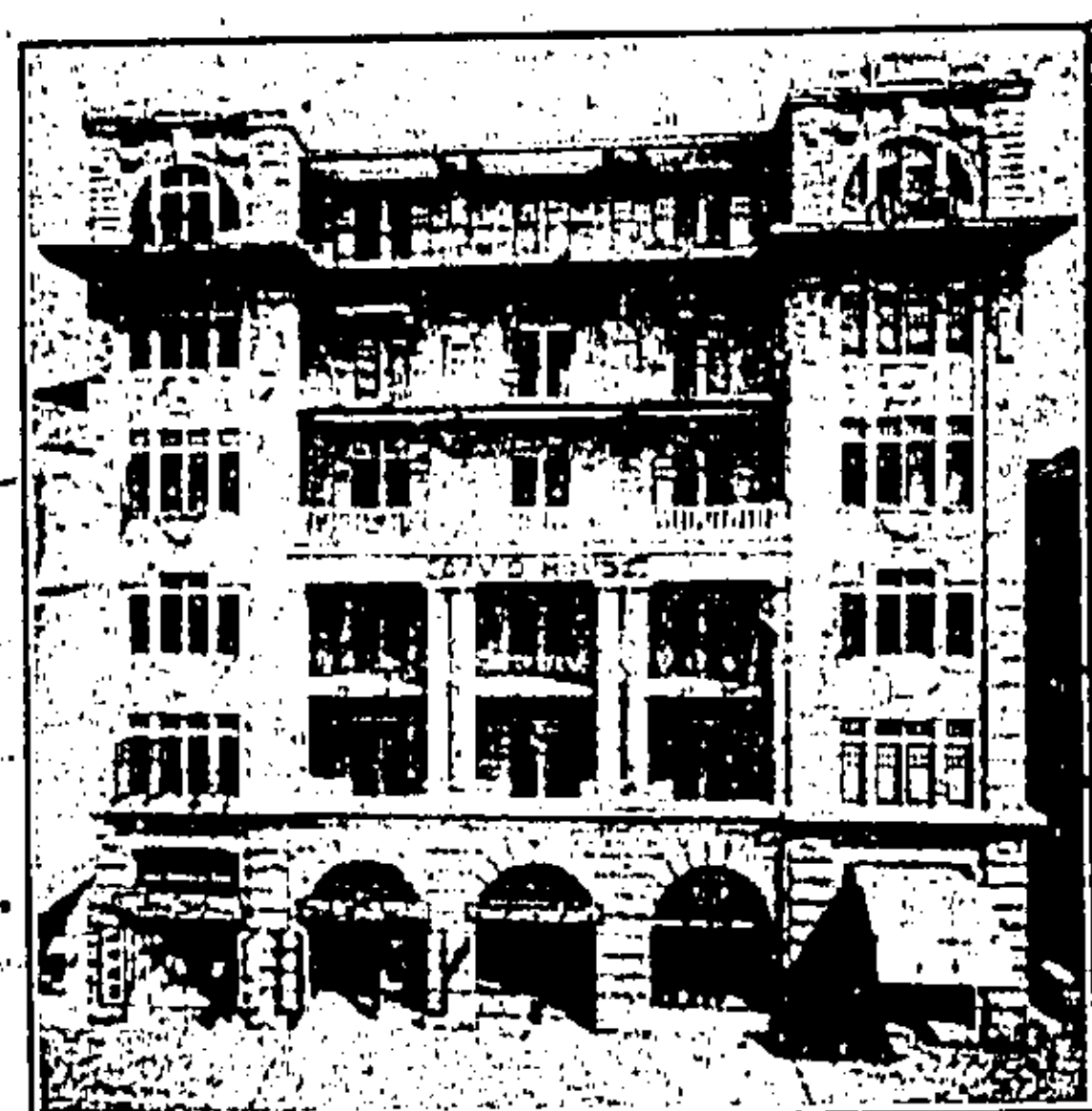
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Yangtze Insurance\$144 buy.
China Underwriters\$185 buy.
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Hong Kong Fire Ins.\$685 buy.
Dongles\$404 nom.
Steamboats\$23 buy.
H.K. Tugs\$210 buy.
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Waterboats\$171 buy.
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China Providents\$4.5 buy, 4.65/ sa.
Hongkong\$100 buy.
New Engineering\$114.6 nom.
Shanghai Docks\$11.90 buy.
Zwo Cottons\$11.730 buy.
Oriental\$12 nom.
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Do. (new)\$11.22 buy.
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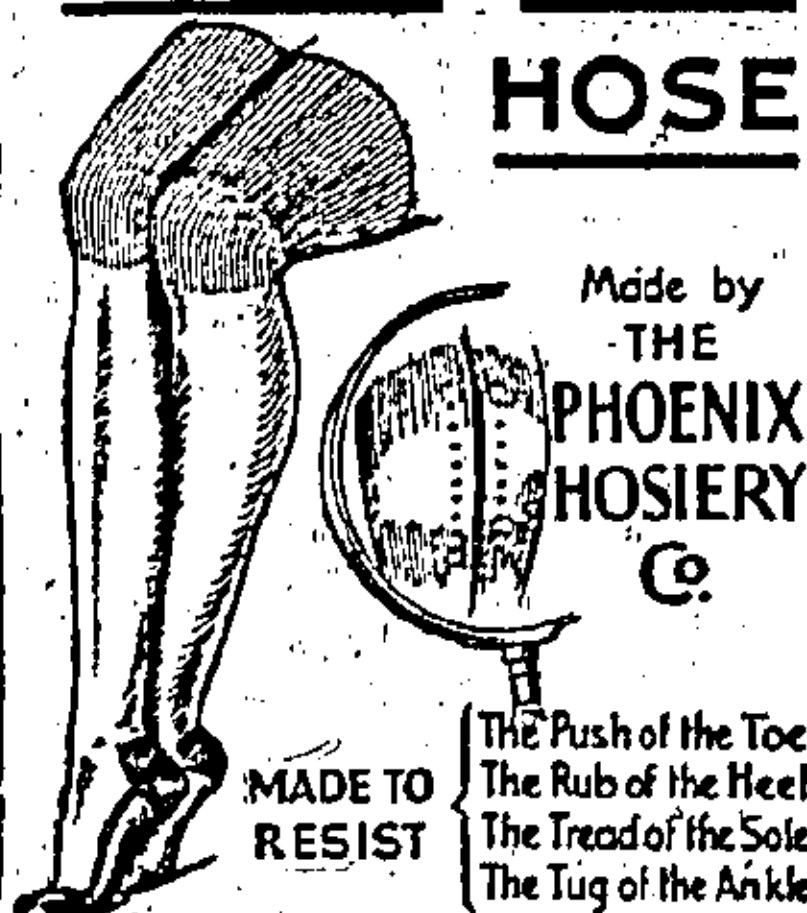
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SHANGHAI POLICE TRAGEDY.

HOW SERGT. CAMPBELL WAS KILLED.

ONE GUNMAN KILLED. THE OTHER CAPTURED.

Shanghai papers to hand describe the recent shooting affray, briefly reported by cable at the time, in which Sergt. Frank Gardner Campbell, of the Municipal Police, lost his life.

Sergt. Campbell, says the N.C. Daily News of December 31st, was shot yesterday, just before 10 a.m., in a Chinese house in Great Western Road, whilst he and six other policemen were attempting to arrest two armed robbers, who had come into the Settlement. Sergt. Campbell died seven minutes later on the operating table in the Country Hospital.

Six armed men had attempted to rob a Chinese farmer's house in the region immediately west of St. George's, with a few hundred yards of Bubbling Well Road Extension. They came on to Settlement roads through a long alleyway, which joins with Bubbling Well Road. Relatives of the despoiled tenant followed the men, who separated and two of the gang went along Great Western Road to a Chinese house, situated on the north side of the road, about 175 yards west of Avenue Haig.

Speedy Police Action.

Bubbling Well Police Station was informed and Inspector Foley called out all available men, and were at the scene in less than a minute. Sergt. Campbell entered the narrow door, followed by Sub-Inspector Hotchkiss.

Sergt. Campbell rushed to the left-hand corner of the inner room, where one of the gang had taken refuge on a bed. Inspector Hotchkiss made for the other bed, where the other lay. Both the robbers had covered themselves with blankets. Sergt. Campbell grappled with his man, trying to hold him and enmesh him in the bedding.

The Fatal Shot.

In less time than it takes to tell, the robber drew a pistol, and, firing through the blanket, wounded Sergt. Campbell, one bullet striking him in the abdomen, and another in the bone of the upper leg. Sergt. Campbell, according to his comrades, staggered back, grunted, and then opened fire. He nearly emptied his automatic pistol and four bullets struck the man on the bed. The sergeant then reeled backwards, seemed to compose himself for a moment and staggered to the outer room, where he fell prostrate on the floor.

The other policemen, who had been unable to enter the room, gently picked him up, and carried him to the motor car. He tried to speak, but only could mutter a few inarticulate phrases, before he lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. Inspector Foley ordered the car to the Country Hospital, situated a few hundred yards west of the scene and his comrades carried the wounded man inside. Attendants hurried him to the operating theatre, but he died before the operation began.

Second Gunman Killed.

As Sergt. Campbell opened fire, Sub-Inspector Hotchkiss, realizing the situation, joined in without waiting for a movement from the other man on the other bed. He emptied his magazine and, when the blankets were removed, the posse saw a large Mauser automatic in the hands of the dead robber. The inspector's prompt action had saved his own life, as well as those of the man who were behind him. The body was removed to the Mortuary, whilst the robber Campbell had shot in his dying struggle was taken to the Police Hospital, where, we were informed just before going to press, he remains in a very serious condition.

Sergt. Andrews, who followed the other two into the room, was very fortunate, for two bullets passed through his trousers, whilst another cut the cloth of his coat, but he was untouched.

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FAR EAST IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

MR. LOOKER'S QUESTIONS REGARDING TIENTSIN.

In the House of Commons on November 23rd, replying to Lieut. Comdr. Keworth (Hull, Central, Lab.), Mr. Bridgman said the expenditure to date on the new naval base at Singapore was £422,287. It was anticipated that the work would be completed in 1937. The total estimated cost was £7,750,000. Lieut. Comdr. Keworth asked if the question of this base was discussed at Geneva, and whether the altered circumstances could not also lead to the retarding of this expenditure.

Mr. Bridgman: No; the question was not discussed at Geneva. Lieut. Comdr. Keworth: In view of the right hon. gentleman's statement a little time ago, that he was open to agreement, and therefore dropped out two cruises, could he not retard the work on Singapore?

Mr. Bridgman: I do not think I can say that. As a matter of fact, the work was retarded, mainly owing to certain circumstances which will make it longer than we thought to carry out the preliminary work. I never suggested at Geneva, nor do I suggest here, that there is any reason for abandoning this proposal.

THE BRITISH CONCESSION AT TIENTSIN.

Mr. Looker (Essex, S.E., U.) asked the Foreign Secretary whether he would defer concluding an agreement for handing over the municipal administration of the British Concession at Tientsin to a mixed Chinese and British administration until greater certainty existed than was the case at present, that such a course would not be attended by similar results to those which had been experienced at Hankow, or, in the alternative, if he would reserve the right to re-establish British control of the municipality if the experiment proved a failure.

Sir A. Chamberlain (Birmingham, W.): I regret that I cannot give my hon. friend a definite answer. The conditions of the problem do not admit of a decisive answer on matters which must be, to some extent at least, dependent on the uncertain course of events.

Mr. Looker asked the Foreign Secretary the number of British subjects in the British firms engaged in business there; the total amount of municipal debentures which has been issued; and the average value of British exports and imports for ten years prior to 1925.

Sir A. Chamberlain: I have no accurate information as regards the first, second, and fourth parts of my hon. friend's question. As regards the third part, the total amount of debentures outstanding on December 31st, 1926, was £1,257,104. I will write to His Majesty's Minister at Peking for further information if the hon. member desires it.

Superintendent Piek immediately took charge of further investigations and augmented foreign and Chinese police combed the neighbourhood. The Finger-Print Department took finger-prints and identified both men as having been in custody before. The dead robber previously had been expelled by the Mixed Court, and both were known as notorious characters.

The Commissioner's Tribute.

In official police orders, Captain E. I. M. Barrett wrote:—"With the deepest regret the Commissioner has to record the death of Det. Sergt. F. G. Campbell who to-day lost his life in a courageous attempt to arrest armed kidnappers. He joined the force in July, 1925, was in every way a most promising police officer and had been previously highly commended for the arrest of a gang of armed robbers on July 11th last. The heartfelt sympathy of all ranks goes out to the relatives of the deceased officer whose gallant conduct in the face of imminent danger reflects the greatest credit on the force of which he was such an efficient and popular member."

A \$325,000 BUILDING.

OWNER AND CONTRACTOR AT LAW.

STAMP DIFFICULTY OVERCOME.

It will be remembered that at the Supreme Court on Wednesday, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) adjourned *sine die* a case in which the sum of \$20,187.40 was involved in connection with the claim of a building contractor against a property owner. The case was adjourned because the contract had not been stamped, and His Lordship suggested that steps might be taken to overcome the omission. Yesterday, when the case came up again, it was stated that a way had been found out of the difficulty.

The claim arises out of a dispute on the building of 15 European-style houses at Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1301, and is between the owner and the building contractor and concerns extra work done in respect of the erection of the houses.

Plaintiffs are the Sang Loong contractors, 14, Man Lam Street, Yau-mat, and their claim is against Lai Sui Ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, the landlord, for \$25,187.40, being \$7,000 balance due under a contract dated January 8th, 1924, and the remainder, \$18,187.40 was claimed for extra work done.

Defendant denies the debt, stating that the extra work was not required by the contract. Defendant, counter-claims for \$3,770.11 as damages for work which was unsatisfactory and the omission of certain work.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall, is for plaintiffs, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hartings, Denny and Bowley, is for defendant.

When the Court opened yesterday Mr. Jenkin said the parties had been able to overcome the difficulty. His side would pay into Court the cost of stamping two agreements, leaving the third to the other side.

His Lordship: I will then direct that on these two documents \$902 be paid.

Mr. Jenkin: We are not suing on the third. My friend will have to pay for that.

Mr. Potter remarked that the third agreement had been treated as a variation of the original agreement.

His Lordship: The point is that it has been tendered.

Mr. Potter admitted this but added that the case for the defence was that there was no third agreement as separate and distinct from the original contract.

His Lordship: They all hang together and they want different stamps.

Mr. Potter replied that if there was any liability on the defence it would be shouldered. In fact, he added, the agreements were put in by Mr. Jenkin.

His Lordship: As a matter of fact I should have objected but I did not see the original agreement until ten minutes before we adjourned yesterday. I was dealing merely with copies. Strictly speaking, I think I must treat the position as though I have dealt with the matter once. I won't come to a conclusion at the moment but I will direct that these two documents should be considered as being admissible on you (Mr. Jenkin) undertaking to pay \$902.

Mr. Potter said that if his Lordship directed the defendant to pay \$101 in respect of the third agreement it should be done. "If it is not done," added Mr. Potter with a smile, "I shall have to disappear from the case and I don't think that will happen." He continued that he hoped his Lordship would appreciate that the stamp question was never present in their minds at all. He could assure the Court that neither himself, nor Mr. Jenkin was trying to get an insufficiently stamped document before the Court.

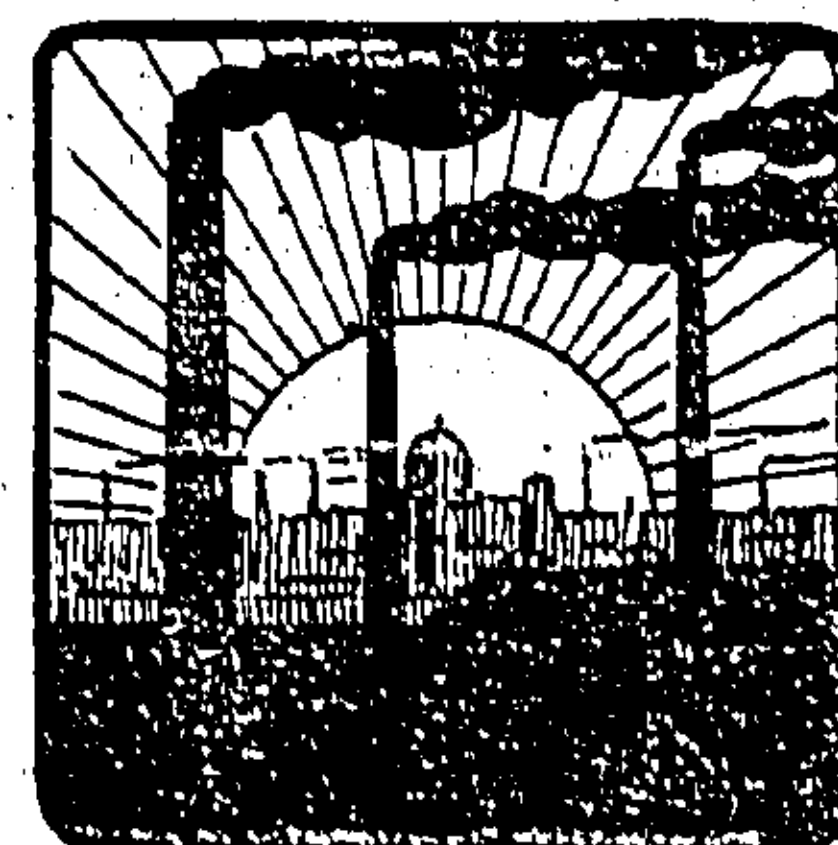
His Lordship replied that he quite accepted that.

Mr. Potter continued his cross-examination of plaintiff, which he began the previous afternoon. In answer to question, plaintiff said that he himself drew up the original contract and submitted it to the defendant.

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"Precautions."

There were a number of things that he did quite properly which were not included in the contract but which were never considered by anybody to be extras. Colour washing the inside walls and inside plastering for instance. The latter might cost anything between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

With regard to fitting hand-railings to stairs to be used by servants which were not specifically mentioned in the agreement, plaintiff said "How could people go up the stairs if there were not railings?"

Mr. Potter: I could quite easily, at any rate under some circumstances, but I agree with precautions.

There was further questioning of plaintiff with regard to other items which he agreed were not in the contract. He did that work, he continued, because it was necessary for houses of the kind he was building.

Mr. Potter went on to refer to the third agreement on January 10th, 1924, and His Lordship commented that if that document was to be brought in then the stamp question arose.

Mr. Potter then stated that he would undertake that the sum of \$101, the amount required, would be paid.

This particular agreement, plaintiff said, referred to the question of extra work and was suggested by the defendant. It was to the effect that the defendant was to be liable for extra work only if there was a previous agreement.

Plaintiff agreed that he had discussed the question of the erection of the houses before the signing of the original agreement, but denied that the fitting of a flush sanitary system had also then been brought up.

Mr. Potter: I put it to you that in estimating at \$325,000, the contract price, you took into consideration the work required for making the sanitary system a flush one, such as building pump houses and sinking wells?—No.

Further cross-examination in the afternoon by Mr. Potter, plaintiff agreed that when the roofs were to be put on the European foreman was not there.

Mr. Potter suggested that when plaintiff said the defendant visited the scene of the work everyday he was grossly exaggerating.

To this, plaintiff replied that out of the nine working hours everyday, defendant was there for five. Mr. Potter remarked that defendant agreed that plaintiff had not put Coke-Breeze upon the roof, and plaintiff replied that defendant did not require it, and it was not included in the agreement.

Mr. Potter: I put it to you that it was expressly provided for in the plans?

Plaintiff agreed that this was so, but said that defendant refused to have it, saying he would rather have cement and lime.

Coke Breeze.

In answer to His Lordship, Mr. Potter said that part of the defendant's case was that there would be re-inforced concrete roofs with Coke-Breeze, on top of which would be the cement on which the tiles would be laid.

Mr. Potter, in the course of further cross-examination, pointed out that in a number of instances plaintiff had specially stated in the agreement that anything not done, if it had been included in the plans, should be notified.

Mr. Potter asked plaintiff why he had not mentioned that Coke-Breeze was not used, although specified for in the plans. Plaintiff admitted that it was negligence on his part. He denied, however, that Coke-Breeze was the subject of a dispute between them which nearly came to blows. He also denied that defendant had pointed out to him that the Coke-Breeze had been omitted.

The case was ultimately adjourned until this morning.

PRAYA EAST MOTOR FATALITY.

AN OUT OF WORK CAR OWNER.

CORONER'S SHARP CRITICISMS.

An unusual motor-car accident in which a little Chinese girl, strapped on her mother's back at the time, was killed by a public car, on the Praya East, near the Bowington Canal, was described yesterday at an inquest held by Mr. R. E. Lind-sell, sitting as Coroner, with a jury.

It appeared from the evidence of the deceased girl's mother, that the party who were boat people, were standing near the bridge on the day in question, December 28th. A tram-car came along, from which a man alighted. Just at the rear of the tram was public motor-car No. 336. This car tried to overtake the tram, and in doing so, knocked down the mother, who had her baby strapped on her back. She was rendered unconscious and when mother and infant were taken to the Government Civil Hospital, the baby was found to be dead. The mother sustained injuries which necessitated her remaining in hospital for several days.

Medical evidence given by Dr. Cannon was to the effect that the child had died of fractured skull and ruptured blood vessels.

A Chinese unemployed cook said that he was the owner of the car and that he had engaged a driver called Lam Kam to run the vehicle for him. On the day in question, he was in the car with two friends. He said that his driver did not make any attempt to overtake the stationary tram, but that in trying to avoid knocking down the man who had alighted from the tram, his driver was compelled to swerve, and in doing so knocked down the deceased and her mother who were standing at the side of the road.

The Coroner described this evidence as a "pack of lies" pointing out that if the motor-car had to swerve to avoid the man alighting from the tram-car, it was obvious that it was trying to overtake it. In answer to the Coroner, the car owner said that he had not paid any compensation to the mother of the deceased girl as he was too poor to do so and that he had a family of ten to support.

Traffic Inspector Alexander pointed out to the Court that the car drove back to the garage without waiting for the police to arrive on the scene. In answer to this, the owner said that it was done without his consent. A Shanghai driver belonging to the garage in which his car was kept, drove the car back.

The Coroner: Where were you when I was inside the car?

The Coroner replied that if he was inside, it was impossible for the car to have been driven back without his consent.

Further evidence revealed the fact that a Chinese police reservist who was standing outside at Tin Lok Lane, about two hundred yards away from the scene of the accident, heard police whistles and ran home for his camera, with which he took four pictures of the position of the car and the deceased. These pictures he produced in Court.

The enquiry was then adjourned until Monday afternoon.

WAR RUMOURS IN CANTON.**CAPTURE OF WAICHOW CLAIMED.****CHEN MING SHU'S AMBIGUOUS ATTITUDE.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

News of the declaration of war by General Chen Ming Shu, of the 11th Army Corps, against General Chang Fat Fui, of the 4th Army Corps, has just been published in Canton City. Some people say that General Chen is simply "pulling the cat's tail," and that General Chen and General Chang are working together.

General Fang Shih Shang, of the 10th Army Corps, is now in Canton City. His men are in the North River districts above Sunkai along the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway. General Fang and General Chen's men are all friendly with those of General Li Tsai Hsin, and as long as they do not actually arrive in the City in large numbers, it is not believed that they will create any local problem.

The Canton Authorities are advising the local troop commanders not to withhold revenue which should be remitted to the treasury at Canton. Two aeroplanes supporting the Kwangsi clique have been making observations of the military movements east of Canton.

General Wong Shih Hung was to have left Canton City for the East River districts on Thursday to direct the attack against the "rebel" troops under General Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung. Up to the afternoon of yesterday, however, General Wong was still in Canton.

DEFEATIST STORIES DENIED.

The officials in Canton stoutly deny that the campaign on the East River sector has so far gone against the Kwangsi forces. They say that they have heard nothing of the reported defeat of the forces under General Chen Tsai Tang who is advancing from Swatow. It was said that over 3,000 of his men had been disarmed and that there had been a big loss of arms and ammunitions. In Canton, it is understood, that the Kwangtung forces are retreating to Kiangsi.

The latest claim is the capture of Waichow City by the Kwangsi forces on the morning of January 4th.

CURRENCY TROUBLES.

Merchants in Canton will on January 9th meet the local officials, including General Li Tsai Hsin, to discuss ways and means of maintaining the present money market and see what can be done to improve the position of the Central Bank of China. The latter's notes now command only 50 per cent. of their face value. The merchants have as yet advanced no suggestions. They simply petition the authorities to prohibit speculation and discount, which is an impracticable demand.

The General Chamber of Commerce of Canton, acting on the advice of the Authorities, has again issued a circular asking merchants to accept the notes at par. The merchants have not nominally complied for the situation is met by increasing prices in proportion to the fall in the market quotations of the notes. In business circles, the notes are actually accepted only at a discount of 50 per cent. When bargaining for an article, the shopkeeper quietly asks if you mean to pay in coin or in notes. In notes, one has to pay twice as much.

Some insurance companies in Canton are offering to pay policy holders of the destroyed districts of Canton City 50 per cent. of what is due, but other companies now regard the "Reds" upheaval as a political matter and treat the recent destruction as acts of war. This gives an excuse not to pay policy holders.

The larger department stores still remain closed, and it is said that they may not re-open before Chinese New Year.

DIVIDING THE SPOIL.

The leaders now in power in Canton have spent the last few days assigning posts to their followers. Hotels and restaurants have become rallying centres of office-seekers who are discussing uneasily the prospects of getting bigger slices. It will take a few more days before the full list of local officials can be completed. Supporters of General Li Tsai Hsin and General Wong Shih Hung are flocking back to Canton.

It is now more than three weeks since the "Red" catastrophe but up to this time, according to a prominent Chinese, no definite arrangements have been made as regards relief and compensation for the victims affected area or for the rehabilitation of the Canton notes.

LAST NIGHT'S BLAZE.**FIRE AT HOLLYWOOD ROAD.****COMMENDABLE WORK BY FIRE BRIGADE.**

Thanks to the prompt and highly efficient action of the Fire Brigade under difficult conditions, in a very congested neighbourhood, a fire which might easily have assumed very serious dimensions was confined not only to one house but to the particular floor on which it broke out.

Shortly before eight o'clock yesterday evening, the alarm was given, and appliances were dispatched to the scene of the outbreak which was at Hollywood Road, near the Mam Mo Temple.

As the fire was found to be of somewhat serious dimensions a house call was sent out, and within a few minutes there were five appliances present, namely three from Central Station, one from Kennedy Town, and one from Wanchai Station.

It appears that the fire broke out in premises, the ground floor of which is used as a general grocery and provision shop, while the floor above is a store-room for the shop, and a large quantity of goods were here packed in straw laden baskets.

The fire broke out on the floor above this—the top floor of the premises—in which were large quantities of paper in bundles and packages.

With commendable efficiency and promptitude the firemen got to work. The top room was burned out, except for part of the stairs, but the flames were quelled before they could reach the flat roof above, and this in spite of the fact that the whole of the interior of the premises is typically Chinese, and built of wood. The top floor was severely damaged by fire, but the lower two rooms only received damage by water, much of the stock being ruined.

The fire was extinguished in just over an hour, the "stop" signal being given at 8.57, and all appliances were back in their respective stations between 9.30 and 10 p.m.

Two motor pumps were used, with four deliveries of water. The water supply was excellent, and this considerably helped the firemen, who were working under great difficulty. There was a hilly and narrow ascent, a congested and busy neighbourhood, and thirdly there was a mass of highly inflammable stuff in the premises.

There was no one in the place at the time.

The exact amount of damage has not yet been ascertained, and how the outbreak occurred has not been established.

ROAD INSUFFICIENTLY LIGHTED.**JURY'S FINDING IN MOTOR CYCLE FATALITY.****NO BLAME TO DRIVER.**

The inquest into the death of Mr. J. R. French, of the R.A.F., on December 10th at Prince Edward Road, was concluded yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy. Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner and the jury empanelled were: Messrs. R. Abraham (Foreman), A. K. Mason, and A. E. Gutierrez.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Jnr. appeared to watch the case for Mr. B. S. Petrick, chief officer of the *Wai Shing*, who was driving the cycle, and Mr. F. H. Losely appeared for the contractor who was building that portion of the road at the time.

After further evidence had been taken, the Coroner summed up. The jury retired for half an hour and returned with the verdict that the deceased had met his death through misadventure, and no blame could be attached to the driver, Mr. Petrick.

The jury also said that there was conflicting evidence in regard to the lighting of that district, but were of the opinion that the locality was insufficiently lighted. As to the pile of earth on the road, the jury were of opinion that the hoarding should have been put up in such a way that it covered the heap of rubbish. They had also come to the conclusion that at the time there was no other traffic coming from the opposite direction.

Mr. Petrick's machine, the jury said, was apparently in good condition and was being driven at a moderate speed. On the matter of the capability of the driver, the jury said, that they had only his own evidence, which they were quite prepared to accept.

CHRISTIE AND BLUHM.**BLUHM REPEATS HIS EVIDENCE.****DECODING OF TELEGRAMS.**

Yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Wilson the case was continued in which James Christie and Christopher Bluhm are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the police reservist Au Yeung.

James Christie was again put in the box, and stated that he was in Manchester for the November Handicap in 1919. He owned a horse "Brigadier General" which was going to run there, but which was scratched. He never met an Australian in Manchester, and there was never any question of gaining \$15,000 over the visit.

Bluhm's Evidence.

Robert Christopher Bluhm, a Latvian, who stated that he was an oil broker, was then called. Mr. Leask questioned him at some length on his earlier life in various parts of China. Bluhm stated that he knew a Mr. Zia, an assistant comprador in Jardine's Engineering Corporation in Shanghai, and it was he who suggested that Bluhm should start an agency for Long Life Oil, and who put him on to Thacher & Co.

Haynes' Commission.

After dealing with other meetings with Christie and Haynes, Bluhm said that on November 13th it was agreed that Haynes should receive a commission of 5 cents per case on the first shipment, which was going to be 2,500 cases. Haynes said it would come in useful as he had a lot of bills.

The \$100,000 Receipt.

Asked what he knew of the deposit receipt for \$100,000 which Christie had shown to Au Yeung, Bluhm replied that he had got it at the Lee Tung Bank, Swatow, and given it to Christie. It was a receipt for money deposited by General Tang, and he believed there was some connection with the supply of military goods.

Questioned further about the two cables, one of which was decoded, "500 cases" and the other "349 cases" he maintained that the second meant \$3.40 a case. He pointed out that the code word for "case" and "cases" is the same.

The Invalid Passport.

Bluhm is also charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport. He stated that when he wished to come here from Canton he went to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, who gave him a Chinese passport and told him that all citizens of non-treaty States were under Chinese protection. He could travel on the passport received and no British visa was necessary.

Returning to the first charge, Bluhm said that \$400 was all he had ever received in cash from Christie for the oil business. Christie had also paid various expenses of his here and in other places to the amount of \$700 or \$800.

"Cases" Or "Per Case."

Mr. King then began his cross-examination of Bluhm. Questioned about the receipt for \$100,000 Bluhm stated that the bank manager made it out before his eyes, while General Tang was outside in a motor-car.

Returning to the reading of the two cables Mr. King admitted that the code word "bugad," which appeared in both cables, could mean "case" or "cases," but he pointed out that there was an entirely different word "bugis" which meant "per case." Therefore both the telegrams read "cases" and not "per case," and it was his contention that prices were never mentioned in them at all.

Mr. Zia Of Shanghai.

Mr. King: Was Mr. Zia, an Assistant Comprador to Jardine's Engineering Corporation, or an Assistant in the Comprador Department—Assistant Comprador, I think.

Bluhm: Yes, I met him in August 1927, did you understand that he was in the employ of Jardine's?

Yes. Then why do Jardine's here know nothing of him—I don't know.

The case was then adjourned until 11.30 on Saturday morning.

REPAIRS TO A MOTOR-CYCLE.**PETTY OFFICER SUES CHINESE MOTOR COMPANY.****DEFENDANT REPROVED FOR DETAINING MACHINE.**

"I consulted my solicitors regarding the matter and they asked me to pay \$30, and then they would issue a writ and sue him. I thought this was a bit too heavy, and decided to wait until he sued me, and then I would defend myself. I did not want to lose more than I could help. Besides, if I obtained judgment against him, the motor-cycle would have to be sold by auction and I would also have to pay in addition to the \$30 a fee of \$10 to the auctioneer."

Thus a Chinese defendant expressed himself in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon during the hearing of a case in which he was sued by a European for detaining a motor-cycle and also for damages in respect of the detention of the machine.

The case was brought by Petty Officer Telegraphist T. Melroy, of H.M. Submarine L.20, Naval Yard, against the Tai Yau Motor Co., and Cheng Yau, a partner thereof, both of No. 2-4, Whitefield Road.

The plaintiff alleged that defendants detained, and were still detaining a Harley-Davidson Motor-cycle, Hong Kong Licence 904, and the usual accessories. Plaintiff also claimed the return of the machine or its value, and \$75 for detention of the machine.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was not represented.

The Plaintiff's Version.

Opening the case, Mr. Turner said that plaintiff early in November, 1926, paid \$40 for the motor-cycle, and later that month took it to the defendant to be overhauled and painted. The sum of \$7 was expended for a lamp and \$92 would be paid for overhaul and repairs when defendant retailed the bill which plaintiff now claimed as due to him.

On January 13th, last year, defendant announced that the motor-cycle was in proper running order. Plaintiff took it out for a trial run, and it broke down. He took it back to defendant, who repaired the clutch. Plaintiff then took it out again, and near Taikoo Dock, a considerable distance from defendants garage, the machine again broke down. Between the month of January and the month of May, plaintiff's submarine was ordered North, but previous to this plaintiff had paid several visits to defendants garage, making enquiries as to progress with the machine. He was put off and eventually defendant told him that the machine was out of order. This was taken by plaintiff to Naval Yard engineering shop, where it was put in order and taken back to defendant. Plaintiff had to leave for the North about May 4th, without being able to get his machine from the defendant. Later, not being able to obtain news of his machine, plaintiff asked a friend, who was returning to Hong Kong from the North, to go to the garage and enquire about it.

An Unauthorised Side-car.

When this friend called at the garage he was told it was not yet ready. That was at the end of September, last year. Plaintiff himself returned to the Colony about the end of October, and when he went to defendant's premises he found him (defendant) attaching a side-car to the machine, without his instructions. He was told the machine was now in running order and they were going to sell it, and hoped to obtain \$200 for it.

Plaintiff told them to take the side-car off and let him have the machine and the bill for repairs. The bill was made up to \$82.55 for repairs, plus \$81 for nine months storage at 89 a month. Plaintiff contested the storage charge and told them he had never been able to obtain his machine in running order. He offered to pay for the repairs, but defendant refused to accept the money. On November 5th a letter was written to the defendant firm containing the allegations, or most of them, as outlined in the opening of the case.

No reply was received although in this letter plaintiff offered \$62.55 for the repairs. It was the storage charge he objected to.

Mr. Turner mentioned that plaintiff had previously paid the sum of \$30 on account of \$82.55 for repairs, thus leaving a balance of \$52.55 due or repairs.

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CORRESPONDENCE.**EARL HAIG'S THANKS TO THE PRESS.**

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—I am writing to express my deep appreciation of the generous way in which the whole of the Press have once again co-operated in my Remembrance Day Appeal on behalf of distressed ex-service men and dependants.

This year's Appeal has proved an outstanding success, due in a very large measure to the excellence of the publicity which has been given, and with my own grateful thanks for this help, I would like to couple the gratitude of those for whom I appeal.—Yours very truly,

HAIG, F.M.

December 6th, 1927.

Plaintiff Is Called.

Plaintiff was called, and gave evidence bearing out the opening of Mr. Turner. He said that he received a bill for \$143.55 when he eventually returned from the North and went about his motor-cycle. Of this amount \$62.55 was for repairs, which he admitted owing. The remaining \$81 claimed by defendant for storage, he denied owing.

Asked why he was claiming \$75 for detention of his machine, plaintiff claimed that it had cost him this sum in fares to and from the garage making inquiries regarding his machine and in trying to obtain it in running order, and also in incidental expenses connected with these inquiries.

In answer to His Lordship, plaintiff said that he never asked defendant for the loan of another machine in exchange for his own, while his own was under repair, except on one occasion when he asked for the loan of a machine to go to Taikoo. This request was refused by defendant, who said that he had no other motor-cycle there.

Defendant, in questioning plaintiff, put in two documents (chits) which showed that plaintiff had signed to the effect that the machine was in running order.

Petty Officer Benham was called to support the plaintiff's evidence, and said he was asked by plaintiff to go to the garage on returning from the North, and enquire as to the progress of the repairs, and report to the plaintiff about it.

When asked if he recognised defendant as the man he saw at the garage, witness said he was unable to swear that this was the man.

Defendant In The Box.

Defendant, in the course of his evidence, spoke with regard to the magnet, and said that plaintiff took it away on three occasions to get repaired, and that each time he brought it back to the garage he (defendant) told him that it was no use, as it had not been repaired properly. When plaintiff kept taking it away, and would not allow him (defendant) to deal with it, witness told him that he must charge him 20 cents a day for storage of the motor-cycle. Plaintiff made no reply to this.

Defendant said that he made several efforts to find plaintiff but although he went on board several ships he failed to do so. He did not write, because he was unable to write English good enough for a letter. He admitted, however, in reply to Mr. Turner, that he could make out bills in English.

Mr. Turner, after looking at a bill remarked that defendant was a genius, to which defendant retorted that he knew how to write a little English as he had learned it at a night school, but he had not attended an English school.

In reply to Mr. Turner, defendant admitted that if anyone who only spoke English, came to the garage he interviewed them. He denied, however, that he ever saw Petty Officer Benham, or that he interviewed another Petty Officer and a civilian with regard to the motor-cycle.

The Side-car Not Being Attached?

When questioned about the side-car matter, defendant said the side-car was lying at the side of the machine when plaintiff saw it and that it was not being attached to the machine.

Mr. Turner pointed out that there was a hold underneath the saddle used for attaching a side-car, and defendant replied that this hold was there before, as obviously a side-car had previously been attached to the machine.

Defendant further stated that when he failed to obtain payment from plaintiff, he went to the police station, and the Inspector told him he did perfectly right in retaining the machine.

Further evidence was called, and arguments followed.

Ultimately, His Lordship told defendant that whatever claim he might have against plaintiff did not include the right of retaining the motor-cycle.

His Lordship said he would make an order for the return of the machine within 48 hours, and also allowed plaintiff \$10 damages for the time he had been without his motor-cycle.

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Dated this 5th day of January, 1928.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Executors,
Princes Building,
Hong Kong. [5748]

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CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.

21st JANUARY, 1928.

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Entries CLOSE Before NOON, SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1928. [5734]

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8	211	433	598
9	215	437	602
10	219	441	606
11	223	445	610
12	227	449	614
13	231	453	618
14	235	457	622
15	239	461	626
16	243	465	630
17	247	469	634
18	251	473	638
19	255	477	642
20	259	481	646
21	263	485	650
22	267	489	654
23	271	493	658
24	275	497	662
25	279	501	666
26	283	505	670
27	287	509	674
28	291	513	678
29	295	517	682
30	299	521	686
31	303	525	690
32	307	529	694
33	311	533	698
34	315	537	702
35	319	541	706
36	323	545	710
37	327	549	714
38	331	553	718
39	335	557	722
40	339	561	726
41	343	565	730
42	347	569	734
43	351	573	738
44	355	577	742
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SOVIET RETALIATE AGAINST CHINA.

NANKING KUOMINTANG LEADERS ENTERTAIN CHIANG KAI SHEK.

CHIANG DEPLORES THE LOSS OF "COUNTLESS" ARMED COMRADES.

HANKOW COMMANDER'S ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN.

HUNANESE LEADERS RENOUNCE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

LARGE BODY OF U.S. MARINES FOR SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN.

That Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has again firmly established himself with his former Nanking associates appears to be evident from the reception he has received at Nanking since his arrival there on Wednesday morning. It seems now very probably that the much-anticipated Fourth Kuomintang Conference will shortly materialize.

The Hunanese leaders (all of them apparently military men) who were formerly associated with General Tang Seng Chi, now an exile in Japan, have let it be known that they intend to be loyal to the Central Kuomintang and that they support the proposed Conference at Nanking.

Hankow's "Reds" are still feeling the weight of the heavy hand of the anti-Bolshevik elements in the Kuomintang, the latest news to have informing us that the present military commander of that once most notorious nest of China's "Reds" has fomented a powerful list of proscriptions against Hankow's Communist societies.

MARSHAL CHIANG KAI SHEK AT NANKING.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 5th. Early yesterday morning Marshal Chiang Kai Shek arrived at Nanking by special train from Shanghai. Long before the train was due the station was crowded with high officials and the representatives of various bodies eagerly awaiting his arrival. After an effusive welcome the Marshal with his retinue was duly escorted to the local military headquarters. He is expected to issue a circular telegram announcing that he has resumed the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Kuomintang Grand Army, but no special ceremony is being arranged for the occasion.

The Nanking leaders of the Party, Chai Yuen Pui, Tan Yen Kai, Li Lieh Chun, Chang Ching Kiang, Wu Chiao Fei and others, invited Marshal Chiang to a dinner at which numerous speeches were made urging the importance of continuing the Northern expedition until final success crowned the efforts of the Kuomintang and their flag flew over Peking.

Marshal Chiang delivered a short speech, in reply, to the effect that his heart was heavy with the thoughts of the countless numbers of fallen comrades in arms who had perished for the sake of the revolutionary cause, and admitted that the responsibility was his.

HUNANESE LEADERS ABANDON INDEPENDENCE.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 5th. Li Ben Hsin, Liu Hsing and Ho Chien, the Hunanese leaders who were at one time allied with General Tang Seng Chi, have jointly issued a circular telegram supporting the 4th Kuomintang Conference, and asserting their loyalty to the Central Kuomintang. They express the hope that all factional problems will be satisfactorily settled at the coming Conference, and have voluntarily abandoned their independence.

THE KUOMINTANG PARTY. STRUGGLE FOR POWER PREDICTED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, January 4th. It is believed here that the outstanding feature of the coming Spring will be a struggle for power between the Kwangsi forces in Hankow and Canton and the Chekiang Party in Nanking and Shanghai.

Dr. C. C. Wu has petitioned the Nanking Government to recall his appointment as a Special Commissioner to the United States, as he believes the time is not ripe to take up the revision of treaties with the United States.

MOSCOW CHINESE COLONY.

BECOMING ALARMED FOLLOWING REPORTED ARRESTS.

THE CHEKA'S ACTION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Jan. 5th. Moscow messages reaching Peking state that the Chinese Colony there is becoming alarmed following the reported arrests of the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, two embassy officials, 30 students and 50 graduates of the Sun Yat Sen University by the Cheka, presumably as retaliation for the Canton executions.

The Waichiaopu states that it is without confirmation of the arrest of embassy officials.

THE "IRENE" PIRACY.

HOW THE NANKING NATIONALISTS REGARD IT.

A PROTEST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, January 4th. The *Kuo Min* news agency publishes the text of a lengthy protest by Dr. C. C. Wu (then Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government) to Sir Miles Lampson on December 22nd protesting against the sinking of the s.s. *Irene* in Bias Bay on October 20th, requesting an expression of regret for the violation of China's sovereignty, compensation and indemnity for the persons dead and injured and for the cargo and ship lost, adequate punishment for the Commander of the Submarine *L-4*, and the surrender of the seven persons then detained in Hong Kong for trial.

JAPAN'S BANKING CRISIS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

READJUSTMENT PROBLEM.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, January 4th. The year-end report of the Finance Department in connection with the 36 banks which defaulted on April 27th states that the readjustment was naturally difficult.

Only twelve of the banks, with a total capitalization of yen 14,000,000 and with liabilities of yen 57,000,000 due to 100,000 depositors had been re-opened.

Fifteen of the banks with a capitalization of yen 22,000,000 and with liabilities of yen 66,000,000 due to 183,000 depositors were still closed.

One bank, with a capitalization of yen 500,000 and with liabilities of yen 4,000,000 due to 38,000 depositors, had been liquidated.

The affairs of the remainder with a capital of yen 147,000,000 and with liabilities of yen 511,000,000 due to 715,000 depositors are in "a process of readjustment."

AFGHANISTAN ROYALTY.

NOW VISITING ROME.

ARRANGEMENTS IN LONDON.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROME, Jan. 4th. The King and Queen of Afghanistan will leave Egypt to-morrow for Rome on a State visit to the King and Queen of Italy.

Their visit will last two weeks. Their Afghan Majesties will then proceed to Paris, where they will be the guests of the French Republic.

They will arrive in London at the end of February on a State visit to King George and Queen Mary.

The British Minister in Afghanistan, Sir Francis Humphreys, is on his way home from Kabul to discuss with the Foreign Secretary and officials of the Court arrangements for the visit. The arrangements will require a good deal of detailed attention because India of the party, though they are ignoring some conventions for the purpose of their European visit, must have regard to restrictions imposed by their religion.

BRITAIN'S MIGHTY AIRSHIP.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST.

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WILL CARRY 150 PERSONS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSBY, Jan. 5th. After undergoing home tests, the new airship will probably make a demonstration flight across the Atlantic and Commander Burney, M.P., will next week sail for America where he will discuss plans for further operations of airships.

It is suggested that the ship, which will be the largest in the world, should carry passengers across the Atlantic, the journey occupying 48 hours and the fare being approximately £120.

The ship is 700 feet long and is to be driven by engines developing a total of 4,200 horse-power. She will have accommodation for 100 passengers and a crew of 50.

THE U.S.A. AND NICARAGUA.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

HAVE U.S. PUBLIC BEEN "SPOOFED?"

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4th. The warlike preparations of the United States Government in connection with developments in Nicaragua has caused some heart-searching in different quarters.

Several Democratic newspapers are very outspoken in their comments. One says, "It is perfectly patent that the American public has been disgracefully spoofed. Not only has the strength of General Sandino's army been greatly underestimated, but attempts to represent him and his followers as mere bandits are equally ridiculous."

Nicaragua temporarily has become an American Protectorate. We are not fighting bandits, but Nicaraguans revolting against our rule.

Commissariat Difficulties.

MANAGUA, Jan. 4th. General Sandino's guerrillas are established in a mountainous corner of Nicaragua, next to the borders of Honduras, whence he is launching a series of raids against the Americans, the transport of whose supplies presents a difficult problem.

Sandino himself is reported to have fixed his headquarters in an abandoned gold mine with a bodyguard of 50 chosen men. He has an avenue of escape through the jungle towards Honduras.

Lindbergh's Aerial Mission Of Goodwill.

THROUGHTFUL, Honduras, Jan. 4th.

Colonel Lindbergh has arrived, and will proceed to Nicaragua on an aerial mission of "goodwill."

Mor's War Preparations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th. Notwithstanding the action of the Democrats and the Independent Republicans in challenging the Government's policy in Nicaragua, both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate the Government is quietly proceeding with plans to dispatch marine reinforcements.

The Marine Depot in New York is busily working with warlike preparations, and quartermasters are working overtime to meet the emergency. The Navy Department announces that several light cruisers are en route to Nicaragua from various ports.

The State Department denies exaggerated reports of American casualties in Nicaragua and gives the total in recent months as 16 killed and 40 wounded.

"For Service." New York, Jan. 5th. Three infantry companies, together with machine gun and howitzer detachments, totaling altogether five hundred men, have been ordered for service in Nicaragua and are sailing not later than the 9th inst.

THE FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

THE THAMES SIX OR SEVEN TIMES NORMAL WIDTH.

MANY HOUSES FLOODED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSBY, Jan. 4th. The flood situation to-day is better in some areas and worse in others.

Dartford, in Kent, is one of the new areas to be badly affected. The River Darent suddenly burst its banks during the night and today there were four feet of water in some of Dartford's streets. Some 200 houses are flooded and there occupants are living in the bed rooms.

The Thames continues to rise, and in places, where it has overflowed its banks, it is six or seven times normal the width.

At Clapton, in East London, many houses are marooned as a result of the overflowing of the river Lea, a tributary of the Thames.

Rivers Subiding.

RUSSBY, Jan. 5th.

Many rivers which have overflowed their banks are now subsiding and yesterday there was a marked fall in the levels of the rivers with cases of hardships of residents in towns along their banks.

The situation in many parts is, however, still serious.

In the valley of the Thames the crest of the floods have not yet reached the lower areas and the wide expanse under water was further extended last night. At the nearer sources of the river, however, the levels have fallen and unless there is a further heavy thaw in the Cotswolds or heavy rains are experienced a continued improvement may now be looked for. Between Reading and Maidenhead the width of the Thames varies from a few hundred yards to a width of two miles in some of the lower reaches.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S PLEDGES.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSBY, Jan. 4th. In a letter wishing success to Captain "Renton," Conservative candidate in the Northampton by-election, the Premier declares that the Conservative party can fairly claim to have carried out their pledges. He especially recalls in this connection a contributory scheme of pensions set on foot by the party when it assumed office.

He adds: "My view is that both our Liberal and Socialist opponents are apt to lose sight of the basic fact that we are before all things a trading nation. The Conservative party recognises the vital fact that the first great essential to industrial success is peace in industry. Abroad, the Conservative party stands for the reduction of unnecessary armaments by international agreement, but with this provision, that in no circumstances, and under no pressure will it agree to any reduction by which the security of this great Empire is likely to be endangered."

AIR MAIL SERVICE.

NEGOTIATIONS.

U.S.A. AND MEXICO.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th. Negotiations are beginning immediately with the Mexican post office for an air mail service between the United States and Mexico.

BRITISH TRADE.

"SOME PROOF" OF REVIVAL.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSBY, Jan. 4th. The London Chamber of Commerce received last year 1,120 applications for membership. The Chamber regards this as "Some proof that trade revival is really a fact."

EXPLOSION IN BERLIN.

SEVEN KILLED: 14 INJURED.

CAUSES LOCAL PANIC.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, Jan. 5th. A terrific explosion in North Berlin wrecked a house, the inmates of which were in bed at the time.

Half the building collapsed and a fire, which is still raging, broke out.

Ten badly-injured inmates have so far been recovered, but it is feared that there are many dead.

LATER: Three corpses and 17 injured persons have been extricated from the wreckage.

Seven are dead and 14 in hospital, while a number are missing.

The house is believed to have been destroyed owing to a defective gaspipe.

The explosion created a local panic, hundreds rushing into the streets in fleeing attire.

THE "S.A." DISASTER.

"EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WAS DONE."

THE BODIES RECOVERED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

BOSTON, Jan. 4th. Mr. Laguardia, a member of the House of Representatives, following a 36-hour voyage in the submarine *S.A.*, which executed various evolutions included diving, decided not to deliver in Congress the vigorous speech which he had prepared attacking the Government for failing to rescue the men imprisoned in the *S.A.*

Mr. Laguardia declares that he found everything possible was done for the lost men. He now proposes to advocate larger submarines and higher wages for "the brave men who risk their lives daily therein."

An Investigation Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4th. It is announced that President Coolidge is considering the appointment of a special committee to investigate the submarine *S.A.* disaster.

Divers At Work.

PRINCETOWN, Mass., Jan. 4th. Divers have recovered three bodies from the engine-room of the wrecked submarine *S.A.*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WAR.

PRES. COOLIDGE APPOINTS MR. C. B. ROBINS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th.

President Coolidge has appointed Charles Burton Robins of Iowa to succeed Mr. MacNider as Assistant Secretary for War, who has resigned for a business career.

SERVING DRINKS AFTER HOURS.

KOWLOON HOTEL MANAGER FINED.

Mr. H. J. White, manager of the Kowloon Hotel, had to answer a summons at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday for selling drinks during prohibited hours on Christmas Day.

Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue, appearing for the defendant, pleaded guilty, and asked his Worship to take a lenient view of the case as owing to a large number attending the dance on Christmas Eve it was not possible to serve everybody before midnight. He said that only one tray of drinks was supplied ten minutes after midnight.

Acting Chief Inspector Aris stated that on his visit to the hotel at 12.30 a.m. he saw five persons ordering drinks. There were also drinks being served in the bar and in the dance room.

His Worship remarked that this was a case for a light fine and accordingly imposed a penalty of \$20.

MR. KELLOGG'S PEACE PROPOSALS.

PRESS COMMENT.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4th.

Much interest is displayed in the newspapers in the Franco-American anti-war conversations, but there is doubt whether worldwide anti-war treaties will result from the present negotiations.

It is suggested that Mr. Kellogg has gone one better than M. Briand by proposing a treaty open to all nations, and thus avoiding the pit-fall of entering what is practically a Franco-American alliance. Exponents of this view opine that France, with an anti-war treaty with the United States alone, would hold a preferred position as far as America is concerned.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

England's Academic Interest.

LONDON, January 5th.

British commentators display little beyond an academic interest in the present stage of Mr. Kellogg's multi-lateral treaty proposals, though the event provokes extensive analysis.

The *Daily Telegraph* asks in what way the proposals may be regarded as an improvement upon the unanimous declaration of the last League Assembly prohibiting wars of aggression and ordaining every pacific means to be employed to settle disputes.

The *Daily News* says that the United States will increase the force of the pacific urge by joining the League instead of remaining outside and calling on the league members to repeat a creed to which only perfunctory lip service has been deemed.

The *Morning Post* applauds the intention but does not hope for a practical result because "we all have our little reservations and our Nicaraguans, our Monroe doctrines disturbing the completeness of the symmetry of all universal schemes to make war impossible."

The *Daily Express* says that unlike the sardonic impishness of the Russians the disarmament gesture of Mr. Kellogg is noble and the objective of which admits of discussion.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that Mr. Kellogg's treaties offer a plan whereby the United States might co-operate closer in the League's efforts.

The *Westminster Gazette* says the new fact means no more than America's endorsement of the resolution of the last Assembly, but that it is welcome to have the endorsement formally attested.

French Comment.

PARIS, January 5th.

Generally, the opinion is expressed that prolonged and careful examination must precede French assent of Mr. Kellogg's suggestion of an international anti-war treaty.

Le *Journal* considers that the adoption thereof will indirectly result in torpedoing the League.

Le *Matin* does not see how under such a treaty the United States could refuse her good offices for the maintenance of peace if war broke out involving one of the signatories.

L' *Euvre* declares that, however, anxious M. Briand is to proclaim Franco-American friendship he should not allow the Geneva charter to be prejudiced.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.37 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central further north this evening. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China, and over the north China Sea.

Forecast:—North-east winds, moderate, cloudy.

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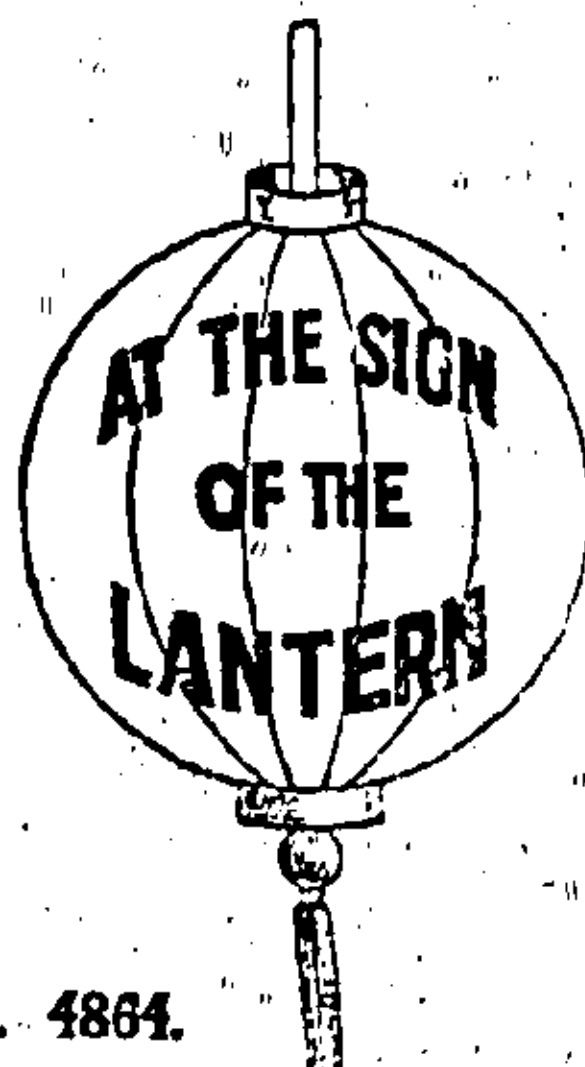
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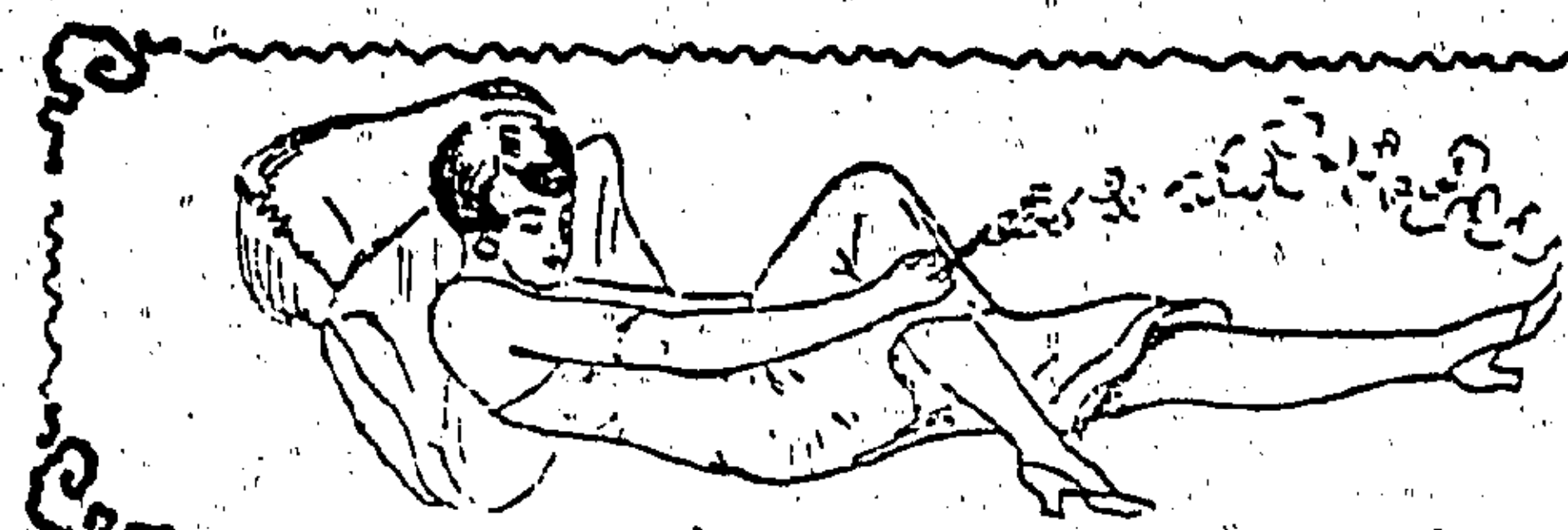
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The WOMAN'S PAGE

THOSE DELIGHTFUL COATS.

SLEEVELESS COATS ARE
CHIC AND COM-
FORTABLE.

The little sleeveless coat has come to stay. We wear them in the morning, under a street coat, for bridge or over our dance frocks at night. Many of the smartest evening gowns are made with an accompanying coat which can be worn or not, as desired; others follow the same lines but the coat is in reality part of the dress itself.

No more practical or acceptable fashion could have been devised and if you have one of the new Bishette material you can wear it over almost any dress. For morning or early afternoon wear you can have your choice of stockinette, silk or wool, face cloth, suede cloth, velvet or leather; to wear with afternoon or evening frocks are waistcoats of Bishette, kasha or velours, or more diaphanous gowns may demand lamp or georgette. Lane, Crawford's have a most delightful selection.

"MODERNISTIC" LINES.

HOW THEY ARE ACHIEVED
IN THE NEW MODELS.

One of the most important features of the present mode is the combination of fabrics. It is upon them that much of the new lines depend, such as geometric and modernistic lines, insertions, sun ray trucks and appliques. Colour is effectively contrasted harmonised or graduated into several shades through the clever manipulation of material.

Sports suits in light weight wools unite plain fabric with checks, angora with *crêpe de chine* or hopsack. For the development of the important geometric lines the use of both sides of reversible material or a combination of two different materials is used. These lines are found in the form of diagonals, parallels, half circles and horizontal, angles are very important the V shape particularly so. It often forms the yoke and is repeated at the waist and wrists. The Bolero

BY THE WAY.

CABIN TRUNKS.—"The Ocean" cabin trunk to be found at Whiteaway, Laidlaw's is well and strongly made and amazingly cheap at \$18.50.

UNDIES.—I saw in Pohoomull's some lovely Shanghai silk underwear with net applique and embroidery. It is on the usual three piece sets, though each garment can be purchased separately, and three colours, blue, pink and champagne. They also have milanesse undies, vests and knickers in all colours at several different prices.

STOCKINGS.—I was glad to hear that the Pioneer Silk Store have added to their famous stock of stockings the very newest shades in both Kasper and Hosiery hose.

BLANKETS.—This really horrid weather makes warm blankets a necessity and new ones a very delightful luxury. The lambs wool blankets now stocked by Whiteaway, Laidlaw's are most attractive, being made of the finest softest wool they are very light and yet warm, and they are prettily bound with strong satin hems.

FRINGES, PLEATS AND FRILLS.

THE VARIED MODE FOR EVENING.



These three very different styles show how wide a choice there is this season for evening wear. The frock on the left is of shell pink georgette. The bodice is slightly pouched and beautifully embroidered with diamant. The skirt has three rows of beaded fringe. In the centre is a charming picture frock in three shades of net over a silk foundation. The wide sash is particularly smart. The third dress is of black georgette and has a double fully pleated skirt with the newest front dip hem line.

There is one cheerful coat of red face cloth which is button holed all round and to join the side seams with brightly coloured wools, the pockets are gaily embroidered with the same. A very lovely model in Pamela's of shell pink *crêpe de chine* is beaded all over with crystal. The bodice has horizontal lines of beading following a complicated "fair tale" of design, and the skirt two tiers of fringe, the upper caught in at the bottom so as to give a swaying uneven line.

A very lovely black evening dress is made with a georgette skirt cut very cunningly on the bias so that it is extremely full and yet, when the wearer is still hangs in a slender silhouette. The uneven hem line is stressed in front and at the sides. The bodice of black panne with a little rhinestone embroidery is like a short jumper and ties on the left hip with a bow of its own material.

Another charming model on jumper lines is of pearl grey georgette and has a pleated skirt, which opens over an underdress of georgette, fastens at the waist with two black and diamond buttons. I saw also some very delightful Pinet shoes mostly in kid in a smart semi-mandel shape. Greys, dark navy and gold; brown with brown and gold.

line has been varied in a number of new and interesting ways.

Beading is also used to emphasise these lines. A very lovely model in Pamela's of shell pink *crêpe de chine* is beaded all over with crystal. The bodice has horizontal lines of beading following a complicated "fair tale" of design, and the skirt two tiers of fringe, the upper caught in at the bottom so as to give a swaying uneven line.

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CURTAINS.—Among their new curtain nets one of the most attractive is a clear jade green with stripes of gold, it would look very well indeed in a large not over crowded room, especially with blackwood furniture.

SATIN DRESS LENGTHS.—The Chinese customers of the Pioneer Silk Store will find there a wonderful selection of satin brocade, dress lengths, many of which their European sisters will like as coat linings or for evening cloaks.

NEW SHAWLS.—I saw in the same shop some new printed shawls. The lovely mandarin coats with "water" borders have been used as an inspiration in their design, and they are novel and very handsome.

EMBROIDERED HAORI COATS.—Pohoomull's have this week another charming variety of the popular haori coat, embroidered in small flower designs instead of being printed. I liked very much a black one with small pink cherry blossom flowers, and there are several in colours.

chestnut brown are the most fashionable in Paris now, with the exception of a plain black satin shoe to which Frenchwomen are always faithful. The heels are very narrow, some of them of pentagon shape, and a moderate height. There are also a few evening shoes in coloured satin and brocade.

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SILK AND IVORY.

Window dressing is a very important part of salesmanship and it is an art which has grown rapidly in the last few years. Only the village shop or the business which is so select and well known as to have no need for advertisement can afford to neglect window dressing. The various Indian and Chinese stores here in the Colony have a particular problem to face in this direction. There are proportionately so many of them and they stock approximately the same goods. The temptation is to put a sample of everything into the window in case the tourist who is looking for a shawl or amber, for example, passes them by for the store next door which displays a more attractive window. The result is that, despite their efforts, most of these stores present a very similar face to the world; there is nothing to fix your attention on any one in particular.

Phecomalls though one of the oldest established Indian stores in the Colony, are always up-to-date, and they have led the way to more individual window dressing this week. They are lucky in the position of deep ample windows which have made possible a charming display of ivory, figures, small articles and jewelry, backed by simply hung silks. The reputation of this store is too well established to leave any doubt in the minds of residents that they have other charming things inside, and the stranger will pause at a window so different from the others and so tempted to explore further.

CAPTAIN CUTTLE FOR ITALY.

SALE OF A FAMOUS DERBY WINNER.

Captain Cuttle, the famous Derby winner of 1922, has been sold by Lord Woolavington to Signor Gualino, the Italian racehorse owner.

The sale, which is one of the most notable of its kind of recent years, was negotiated by Mr. Frank Butters, the Newmarket trainer, who formerly trained in Italy.

Captain Cuttle's future home will be at Signor Gualino's new stud stables outside Turin. The horse will leave for Italy next July.

The price paid for Captain Cuttle is being kept a close secret.

It was a condition of the sale, said Mr. Frank Butters to a *Daily Express* representative yesterday, that Captain Cuttle should remain in this country until the end of the breeding season.

Captain Cuttle has earned enormous fees at stud, and has been fully booked by English breeders since he ended his career on the course. It is estimated that he has earned £40,000 during the past three years, and it is probable that he would have earned another £50,000 if he had remained in this country for another six years.

He is generally regarded by experts as the best racehorse since the war.

A NEW STARTING GATE.

TIENTSIN MAN'S INVENTION.

Those attending the New Year race meeting on the Shanghai Race Club's course, on Monday (says the *N.C. Daily News* of Saturday last) will have something additional to interest them, for the Stewards have arranged for the four mile-and-a-quarter races on the card to be started with the Stewart starting-gate, which has been given several trials in the past few days. It is the invention of Mr. R. F. Stewart, the famous Tientsin jockey, and has been built to his designs by the Eastern Engineering Works of Tientsin. This pattern has been used by the Tientsin Race Club at their last seven meetings, and the complete success and the northern club, which has been using a starting-gate for a long time, now has adopted the Stewart gate for permanent use.

Mr. Stewart has abandoned the idea followed with all other gates, of release which flies forward and upward, in favour of one which simply springs straight up.

All that the public see of the Stewart gate is a neat metal trellis post on each side of the course with a single tape stretched between them. The starter holds a switch connected with the apparatus by a long flexible release, and the depression of the switch actuates a battery which sends the tape flying upward on chain gears. There is no backlash, which might be a possible danger, because near the top of the post is an automatic brake which holds the tape in position firmly. Should the tape be broken, a second would suffice to knot it.

RESCUE HOME SCENE.

ASSISTANT MATRON BURNED WITH ACID.

London, Dec. 7th. Ernest Pook, aged thirty-seven, of Mortimer-road, Kensal Rise, was remanded at Willesden Police Court on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Miss Edith Rose Allwood, assistant matron at St. Mary's House Rescue Home, Harlesden, by throwing carbolic acid at her.

It was stated that Pook called at the home and asked to see the matron. Miss Allwood told him that he could not see her, and he replied: "She has ruined my life." He then took a bottle from his pocket, flung the contents at Miss Allwood, and ran away. He was arrested at his home.

Miss Allwood, who appeared in court with her head and face bandaged, had since been in hospital, and would probably be marked for the rest of her life. Pook said when arrested, "She has what she deserved."

It was stated that Pook, who is married and has eight children, had associated with a girl now in the home. When his house was searched a bottle was found which, according to a Government analyst's evidence, contained a small quantity of carbolic acid.

CRICKET.

ARMY v. NAVY.

THE SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

FINE VICTORY IN CAPTAIN MORRIS'S LAST GAME.

Luckier than the Club, the Army and Navy have had beautiful weather for their two days fixture which concluded yesterday. The weather was cold, but bright sunshine made it just about right.

Yesterday morning when the game was resumed, the position was fairly level as the Army were 34 runs on with eight wickets to go. Things looked none too well when Bevis was run out of the first ball of the day. He did not see the deep mid-off and went for a run which Tiringham could not possibly have made. 3 for 55.

Fine Recovery By Army.

Thereafter, however, the Army batsmen proceeded to pull the game round in excellent style. Tiringham and Erskine played excellent cricket while Sgt. Leach was responsible for a very fine knock of 50. He hit the ball very hard and had fifteen fours, but it was by no means blind slogging as he stopped the good ones very well. He puts tremendous power behind his strokes, which I think comes chiefly from great strength in the arms and wrists.

Miles hit one extraordinary four, off Dale. The ball went tremendously high and at one time seemed to be going well out of the ground by the Taikee building. It dropped, however, almost vertically and lodged in a tree just short of the boundary. Hunt who owns more or less underneath it might have got at it but for this, though it would have been a well-nigh impossible catch. It was, of course, a boundary (4) and was eventually retrieved by a small boy! I am told by a cricketer who has played here for 27 years that it is the first authentic case of a ball stopping up in a tree during those years.

It was a banyan and the fibrous mass of growth that occurs in those trees had prepared a sort of nest in which the ball rested after hitting a branch.

It was not until about 3.15 p.m. after tiffin that the innings closed for 236. Morris owing to a badly damaged shin was unable to take any part in the game.

Navy's Hard Task.

At 2.30 p.m. the Navy entered on their difficult task of making 213 runs to win on the fourth innings, although the wicket seemed to be playing excellently and it was on the cards they might get it.

Venn and Salter opened to Erskine (Naval Yard end) and Gifford. After some quiet play a really fine ball from the former took Salter's middle stump, 8-1-3. Things then went badly for the Navy for a time. Cecil tried to turn one to leg but mis-hit it and was taken in the slips. Venn after a life was finely taken low down in the box. 14-3-7.

A Fine Effort.

Then, however, came some very brisk cricket. Hunt and Dale got down to things and running them smartly took the score to 68 before the former was taken at square cover. Davies failed, but after Dale had been caught in the slips Shaw hit most gallantly. He turned anything short of a length very hard right from the middle of the bat and there still seemed a chance until Erskine managed to chip the leg stick with one which kept a bit low and was a trifle faster. He had ten fours in his 59.

The end was not long delayed and Erskine soon worked through the remaining batsmen. At 168 the end came, and the Army had won by 48 runs. The Navy had played very sporting cricket as they scored at about 80 runs an hour.

Comment.

A very fine match. The recovery by the Army in their second innings was very fine especially as they knew that their best bat, Captain Morris, would not be able to go in. I personally only saw a portion of Sgt. Leach's innings but I am told on all sides that it was a very fine exhibition of hard hitting combined with stern defence. I rather think that if Leach had not been an expert at the current game known as Soccer he would have made his mark here as a cricketer. But you cannot serve two masters.

The fielding of the two sides was good. On the ground, I thought the Navy's shade better. But Leach and Newberry brought off splendid catches in the second innings of the Navy.

[A.B.S.]

The Bowling.

Miles was the big noise in the first innings for the Army, while in the second Erskine at last got wickets he seems to deserve. I am told he bowls far too much outside the off stump—but possibly this is due to leg-swing. As I have never played him I have no personal opinion, of course.

The Navy suffered very much from Thomson's injury. It is true he sent down a lot of overs yesterday, but he was not at his best.

Batting.

I have already referred to the Army batting. The Navy seem to depend too much on a few individuals. Dale and Hunt—their two best bats really—failed in the first knock. In the second, Salter and Cecil who had done most of the run-getting in the first innings, only got four between them. Venn did not get going. I cannot help thinking he tries to go for the bowling too soon.

Captain Morris.

All cricketers will be glad to think that Captain Morris's last game here ended in a brilliant victory for his side, and that he personally had a large share in it, owing to an excellently played 42 in his only knock.

He has been here, I think I am correct in saying, for three years, and it is hard for any civilian to know quite how much he has done for Army cricket. I personally am in touch with the game sufficiently to know that it is a tremendous amount. As a fine batsman and useful field he has made his mark. But his activities have gone much further than merely playing cricket.

There is a terrible lot of drudgery in selecting and getting together sides especially in a Service where the claims of duty very often upset arrangements at the last moment. With all this Morris has put up with imperturbable good temper and patience. For the last year Captain Dobbie has helped him and will now assume, I feel sure, the mantle which falls from Morris's shoulders. We are losing a fine organizer, a keen cricketer, and a rare good sportsman. A great many of us (and I hope I may rank myself among the number) are losing a valued personal friend. If fortune sends him back to the Colony he carries with him the very best wishes of all of us. And it is our sincere hope that, wherever he may go, good wickets and plenty of runs may be his fate. Here's hoping!

R. ABBIT.

Score and analysis:—

First Innings Of Army.

S.Q.M.S. Moss, b Thomson	0
Capt. Bevis, c sub, b Thomson	1
Capt. Morris, b Dale	42
S.Q.M.S. Newberry, c Davies, b Wood	6
Capt. Tiringham, b Wood	7
Capt. Erskine, b Wood	9
St. Sgt. Wood, b Dale	2
Sgt. Leach, c Shaw, b Dale	25
L. Corpl. Miles, run out	0
Pte. Lake, not out	12
Sgt. Gifford, c Cecil, b Wood	7
Extras: byes 6, leg byes 9.	15
Total	138

Fall of Wickets:—1/5; 2/6; 3/37; 4/50; 5/68; 6/71; 7/80; 8/90; 9/112; 10/128.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Com. Thomson	11	3	33	2
Ch. McC. Gardner	7	1	19	0
Tel. Wood	10	1	38	4
Lt. Dale	9	2	19	3
Cd. Bos'n. Burroughs	1	0	4	0
Total	48	7	143	9

First Innings Of N.

Rev. R. T. Venn, c Tiringham, b Miles	14
Lt. Salter, b Miles	47
Lt. Cecil, c Moss, b Miles	41
Lt. Hunt, R.M., b Miles	4
Lt. Dale, b Miles	1
Lt. Davies, st. Wood, b Miles	1
Pay-Lt. Com. Shaw, run out	2
Lt.-Com. Thomson, b Leach	1
Ch. McC. Gardner, c Wood, b Erskine	18
Tel. Wood, b Miles	2
Comd Bos'n. Burroughs, not out	0
Extras: byes 9, leg byes 1, no balls 6	16
Total	147

Fall of Wickets:—1/37; 2/68; 3/92; 4/98; 5/104; 6/108; 7/108; 8/141; 9/145; 10/147.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sgt. Gifford	9	0	14	0
*Capt. Erskine	9	0	23	1
Lt. Cpl. Miles	14	0	46	7
S.Q.M.S. Newberry	4	0	28	0
Sgt. Leach	7	0	23	1
*Bowler 8 no balls.				
Total	55	0	142	8

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ENGLAND WINS AGAIN.

SECOND TEST MATCH - RESULT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 4th. At the tea interval South Africa, who needed 312 in the fourth innings to win, had lost 5 wickets for 166. Between lunch and tea all these wickets fell for the addition of 121 runs. Taylor and Commaile were the highest scorers with 71 and 47 respectively. After tea the South African innings was brought to an end, the remaining five wickets falling for the addition of 58 runs. The full scores were: England 133 and 68; South Africa 250 and 224. England thus won by 87 runs. This is the second Test match of the series, and both have been won by England. The first, at Johannesburg, was won by 10 wickets.

Tel. Wood, not out	1
Com. Bos'n. Burroughs, b Erskine	0
Extras: byes 6, leg byes 4, no balls 3	13
Total	168

Fall of Wickets:—1/8; 2/11; 3/14; 4/68; 5/81; 6/91; 7/133; 8/158; 9/103; 10/108.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
*Capt. Erskine	12	0	20	5
Sgt. Gifford	7	1	22	1
Lt. Cpl. Miles	6	0	38	1
C.Q.M.S. Newberry	4	0	31	2
Sgt. Leach	2	0	12	0
Pte. Lake	2	1	12	1
*Bowler 8 no balls.				
Total	43	1	125	10

AMONG THE GORILLAS.

UNARMED DOCTOR'S ESCAPE.

As a result of the work done by Dr. N. A. Dyce Sharp, of the Nigerian Medical Service, the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, now has in its museum the finest collection of gorilla skulls in existence. Dr. Sharp brought a large number of the skulls from the Kameruns, W. Africa.

He told a *Daily Mail* reporter that he undertook the investigations, largely at the instance of Sir Arthur Keith, as a hobby. He said:

I tried to make a rough census of the total number of gorillas in the limited area which I chose—a district of 6,000 square miles, about the size of Yorkshire. I came to the conclusion that the number would be somewhere between 180 and 230. The total number of gorillas in the world had been estimated previously by Sir Arthur Keith at about 10,000, and the finding of so many in so small an area will probably cause that estimate to be increased.

I had one bad scare when out in the forest. I went down to get water before going to sleep, when I came on a party of gorillas sleeping near the water. The male roared at me, making an appalling and terrifying din. Fortunately, as I was unarmed, he did not attack. European hunters regard the district as far too dangerous to hunt in. You cannot see a gorilla or wild elephant till you are within five yards of it.

CRICKET NOTES.

RAIN SPOILS NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

EXCITING FINISH.

The Kowloon Army match played last Saturday was a very interesting affair. I was unaware, when I wrote my last note that the Children's Sports would take up the ground on Monday. An early start was made therefore as the game was a one-day one, and cricket was under way by 12.10 p.m. I am told that Kowloon really lost the match during the hour before finish, as they only scored some thirty runs. The bowling, of course, was good—but not as good as all that. Kowloon batted for about 130 minutes and the Army for about 110. The declaration was a very sporting one and the home side were in no way disgraced. I am told the finish was a thrilling affair as five runs were wanted from the last over and though a single was scored early on it was not until the last ball of the match that Musson hit a four. I hope it's not a yarn!

Lieut. Musson, I am told, is going to be a useful man. I believe he is in the Gunners but he has not played here much before. Either he or a namesake has played for Lancashire. I think, by the way, how the device does S.Q.M.S. Newlyly spell his name. The week before last I spell it "bury" on definite information and now he is spell "berry" in the Kowloon match. That reminds me. I went through the analysis of Kowloon and was surprised to find that use had not been made of Brice. He is a splendid bowler for keeping the run down. I have a sort of lingering recollection that I have been told he really doesn't like bowling! It almost a pity there aren't more like him!

The Club-Navy Match.

It was particularly hard on the Club to be robbed by the weather of what looked a certain win, especially as they had that defeat by the Army to wash out. The match versus the United Services should be very interesting out of the Club batting and bowling wants strengthening. It comes off I see about January 23rd but, I'm not quite sure of the dates yet. Of last Saturday's game, Navy I need write no more as I have already described it at length.

A First League Match.

The I.R.C. "A" blotted their copy-books badly when they failed to beat Craigengower, though I make full allowance for the improvement shown by the latter Club. At home, I have no doubt the Indians would have chewed them up. But they are not nearly so dangerous a batting side away from Sookpook. A few years ago when they came into the League they were deadly slow at batting. To do them justice, they have tried to get out of it. But they still are very sticky. I am told that they had 60 minutes to get 124 runs and on that small ground against the by-no-means strong Craigengower bowling they ought to have done it, however well the homesters felled. Kitchell, Liff and Hanson did most of the run getting for Craigengower. If they can only keep their present side together they should, in a season or two, be well in the running for the first place.

Second League.

No less than three League matches in the Junior Division were played, and, what is more, were brought to a decision. The Civil Service, who are budding up considerably, beat the Tamar. By the way Civil Service will have to be careful about Grimmit and Edmunds. Their unfortunate first seldom can remain the same but, as I see the matter, one or other is bound to be in the first in every League match. This makes things difficult all round and is especially hard on the gentlemen concerned. However, as I don't think the Civil Service can seriously be regarded as in the running I don't suppose it matters very much. Robertson got the hat-trick. He is a singularly variable bowler and like all left-handers when he loses his length is very expensive.

University Again Win.

The Police "aren't" what they used to be—"last year." Their batting was never strong but now it is worse than ever. Lacey's absence has pulled down their bowling. King is bowling well at times and 7 for fifty (six bowled) was none so dusty. But the visitors could only raise 64 and the "Varsity" had no trouble in beating them.

Sappers First Win.

That surprising side Navy II, which invariably wins when it has no chance got chewed up and returned to store by the Engineers, who previously have done little. Major Greig got 73 for them. I cannot recollect whether he has played much here. I don't think I have ever seen him out before. Jones with 4 for 11 in three overs seems to have been their most dangerous bowler.

Friendlies.

The I.R.C. "B" came down against a weak R.A.F. team. They only got 60, out of which M. P. Madar got 23. All the same it took the R.A.F.'s 6 wickets to beat them. Madar got 3 for 19. He is, of course, worthy of inclusion in the first eleven but I gather stays by to look after the Second. I am not sure, but I think that he is captain. Mans—their best bowler I think was absent. In fact I don't think he has played for a match or two lately.

The Leading Lights.

Hong Kong Electric took on China Lights and rather broke them up. After making 100, they managed to get their opponents out for the small score of 50. The Electric, as I think I have remarked before, are very keen and in the Second Division have won one match out of three.

The University.

On Sunday the always interesting Past and Present match was played. The Past only got to 97 in spite of having quite a useful batting side. Judging from the score (a most risky proceeding!) it looks as though they might have done worse even, as Macquism knocked up 19 not out at the end. If I remember rightly he is a baseball player, and given enough full pitches makes a lot of runs in cricket. The Present side, an undoubtedly smart one, got 140. No one got many wickets—but there was general all-round good work. In the second knock the Past showed a glimpse of their real form.

Early University Players.

I don't know of any side that makes one tend to reminiscence more than the University Past. Marley was their great star at one time—a useful bowler and a fine forcing bat. I remember seeing him make 50 on the Club ground in eight minutes once. I think it was a Scouts v. the Rest match—somewhere about 1915. He would no doubt have got into most elevens. Then there was poor Brayshaw, probably one of the finest all-round athletes that have been out here. He was a hockey blue and a county player, a fine golfer and a splendid batsman. On his day I have known few people begin to play though when his health began to give way he lost his pace. Weight too, who used to go in first. He was one of those bats who do everything but get out. I remember trying once to turn the off-bail in enough to touch his stumps—as he did not cover up quickly—after about three overs I did it! But the batsman refused to fall off! There were in those days giants in the land. One is still here—Professor Redmond—but I fear has beaten his bats into tennis rackets and golf clubs. That reminds me of a suggestion in some-where that the Rev. K. K. Quirk, who is returning shortly to St. Stephen's, may play for the University. I presume if he is a member of the Union he is entitled to do so, but I should be sorry if he does. After all the University has a perfectly good team now made up of undergraduates and graduates still up, and this seems to me the ideal thing. Quick no doubt will be a very useful man for the Club.

School Cricket.

I was very pleased to see that the Diocesan Boys' School have taken up cricket so keenly and are able to run house matches. I got a bit confused with the kaleidoscopic nature of the titles but it is evident that Mr. Youngs's work is bearing fruit. I have, I think already referred to this and to the good fortune of the game in this Colony in having so fine an exponent as Mr. A. E. Wood in the responsible position of Director of Education.

R. ABBIT.

TOWN IN A SKYSCRAPER.

127,000 PEOPLE WHO ENTER EVERY DAY.

The entire population of Deal could be accommodated in the Equitable Building, New York. This fact will give some slight idea of the size of the skyscrapers we read about in the city of Manhattan. The Equitable Building, of thirty-seven stories, accommodates 12,000 people every twenty-four hours, and no fewer than 127,000 people enter and leave the building every day.

There has never been a casualty since the building was rebuilt in 1915, following the terrible fire of two years previously. Sixty-three "elevators" carry 92,000 people up and down to the various offices daily, and these lifts travel 275,000 miles in a year.

The population of the Equitable Building equals that of Warwick, England, and is twice as much as Henley-on-Thames. The building contains more than 28,000,000 cubic feet of space; 63,000 letters and parcels are received by the tenants each day and 88,000 are sent out. There are 5,000 windows and 10,000 doors, while scattered throughout the immense structure are no fewer than 15,000 ceiling electric lights.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

FORTHCOMING COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SOME OF THE LEADING PLAYERS.

[BY HOLLYWOOD.]

The Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club will commence, as usual, on the 1st of March and entry forms will be circulated in the course of the next few days. The principal events are the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony. A slight change is being made this year in starting the Club Singles Championship on Wednesday, February 22nd.

The tournament comprises the following events:—
Open Singles Championship of the Colony.
Open Doubles Championship of the Colony.
Club Singles Championship.
Singles Handicap, "A" Class.
Singles Handicap, "B" Class.
Doubles Handicap.
Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Entries for the different events close on Saturday, February 4th. Chief interest will naturally centre in the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony and this year the struggle for the titles should be unusually keen. For the former event four champions are expected to compete again. They are S. A. Rumjahn (holder), Ng Sze Kwong (1915-1923), T. Hould (1924 and 1926) and S. E. Green (1915-1917).

Other prominent competitors are: H. D. Rumjahn, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, T. W. Leonard, Yew Man Kit, Major Lucas, Col. C. Russell Brown, Major Stevenson, Lieut. Frowen, Lieut. Hale, Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, Ng Sze Cheung, Ho Ka Lau, E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher.

Major Lucas although essentially better at doubles, is a polished player and may prove very difficult to dislodge at singles. He has only once appeared before the public at tennis and on that occasion he showed himself to be a very fine exponent of the game. At the United Services Recreation Club courts, he has been very active.

Ho Ka Lau will make a reappearance locally after being absent for one season. Very keen player, he has studiously learnt the points of match play and is now hitting much better than before.

Leonard, who made a name for himself last year by putting a good show against Ng Sze Kwong, can be expected to make another favourable impression. E. C. Fincher is lauded by many as one of the strongest contenders for the title and if he can produce last year's form, Rumjahn, Ng Sze Kwong & Co. will have to look to their laurels. Fincher has steadily improved for the last few seasons and should go through a good many rounds in the forthcoming championships.

Tennis lovers would like to see Lieut. Frowen enter and he would be a good drawing card. H. D. Rumjahn, Col. Russell Brown and other "cracks" will again live the Singles Championship and it is expected that the competition will be as interesting and as successful as any yet held.

Open Doubles.

As regards the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony, little is at present known as to how the leading lights are going to pair. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, holders of the title, are partnering again and will make a strong bid to retain the championship. Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham would probably make the best British combination. In the United Services Championship Major Lucas is partnering Major Stevenson. It is expected that a good many British pairs will take part this time.

The Chinese will also enter in large numbers. Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung may enter together again, but the Lo Brothers are not sure whether they will be competing in either championship.

The Fincher Brothers who disappointed their supporters last year by going down to L. M. Razack and J. A. Cassimbury, should give a good account of themselves this year. They have the making of a formidable combination and on their day should be a match for any pair. In a week or two most players will have decided how to pair and it will then be possible to discuss the chances of each combination.

Club Championship.

The Club Singles Championship promises to be very interesting and rivalry will be keen. S. E. Green, the veteran champion, is still in fine form, and G. W. Sewell is a strong contender for the championship and has considerably improved since the last tournament. Major Lucas, Major Stevenson, Col. Russell Brown, A. B. Raworth and others are expected to enter and much will depend upon the draw in the determination of the ultimate winner.

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THE MASTERY OF GOLF.

FEAR OF ERROR HANDICAPS THE BRITISH PLAYER.

HOLDING THE LEAD.

The British Professional Golfer with ambition to excel continues to search for the reason for the supremacy which his American rival has won in recent years. Herbert Jolly, a keen student of the psychology of the game, advances a new theory to explain why the balance of power in competitive play has passed to the new golfing world.

Jolly, like most other British players, is satisfied that the American holds no advantage as a shot player. In some respects he is not as good as the players in this country. The difference between the classes is represented by the angle from which they play the game.

The American insists on being the master of the game, whereas the British player is apprehensive that the game will master him. One has not the slightest doubt that he will be able to play the shot successfully; but the other is beset with a fear that it may go wrong.

To illustrate his point Jolly tells a story of the championship at Deal in 1920. At the end of the first day Abe Mitchell had returned rounds of 74 and 73, and he had so completely spread-eagled the field that it seemed to be a one-man affair.

On returning to the dressing-room at the finish of his second round Jolly met Mitchell and congratulated him on his fine performance, and suggested that the championship was already his. "I am not so sure about that," Mitchell replied. "I shall take 90 tomorrow." It will be recalled how he collapsed and took 81.

This incident, says Jolly, typifies the outlook of the British player. Even when he has played himself into a winning position he fears that something untoward will happen and that the prize will slip through his hands.

No one would think that Hagen would lose a prize if at the half-way stage he held a lead of five strokes, as Mitchell did at Deal. Rather would he be expected to go out again and play with even greater confidence and make his success certain. That is the way of the Americans. It is not true, in their case, as has always been said of British golfers, that it is easier to gain the lead than to hold it.

Jolly tells of another case to prove how helpful confidence can be. During a Glenageary tournament he was surrounded by the theory that any shot which could place the ball on the green could place the hole. Next day he had to play Abe Mitchell, and though he did the fourth, fifth and sixth holes in 4, 3, 4, he lost them all, his opponent's figures being 3, 2, 3.

The fourth green could not be reached in 3, but Mitchell holed a mashie shot. The next hole was a short one and Mitchell nearly got a 1. Again at the sixth he almost holed out with his second.

I am sure that Hagen and other Americans are fully alive to the possibility of losing a shot, whether it be a mashie pitch or one with an iron. I have seen Hagen have the flag taken out of the hole when he was 60 or 70 yards off the green, and he always insists on its removal even when he is playing to get near the hole from a bunker.

To the American there is always a possibility of losing from a bunker. This, indeed, is his aim if he has the opportunity. If a British golfer holes out from a bunker he regards it as a fluke.

It has been drummed into the British player that golf is an exceedingly difficult game. The American refuses to see the difficulties even though they may exist. Moreover, he has explored the possibilities of the game much more fully, and he is always trying to turn them to his advantage.

General Remarks.

I am informed that the Tennis Sub-Committee will fix the dates for the first and second rounds of the Open Events and probably for the Club Championship at about the same time as they did last year. This year the time limits for playing off matches will be strictly enforced. Unless weather conditions prevent play or a very good excuse is given, the party defaulting will be scratched.

In previous years the start has been postponed until after the Races, but this time this will not be done as the Races will be run in the middle of February. The Sub-Committee is to be congratulated on their decision. Much interest was lost last year owing to undue delay by players who wanted more practice before getting on with their matches.

The Ho Fook Challenge Cups for the Open Doubles were won outright by the Rumjahn cousins, and in place of them Mr. Ho Kom Tang has generously presented another two for competition.

WHAT CINEMA GOERS LIKE.

POPULARITY OF "BEAU GESTE."

ADVENTURE, COMEDY AND TRAGEDY THE FAVOURITES.

BUT VARIETY THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Beau Geste" continues to draw packed houses. Over four thousand people saw it during the first four days it was at the Queen's, and the management have decided in consequence of its popularity to show the film on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Many people have paid two or even three visits this week. "Beau Geste" has only fallen a little short of "The Gold Rush" Charlie Chaplin's Masterpieces, in drawing power. The story has all of what is liked best by modern cinema audiences: it is virile, exciting, intriguing in its mystery, and above all has a strong sentimental interest.

Ronald Coleman promises to be another Valentino and he has, for many people, the advantage of being English. He is handsome, without being over much so, but more than that is typical of the smiling, glib, dare devil, who is at heart a romanticist, a type which is very dear to the hearts of "Western Barbarians."

Comedy With A Spice Of Tears.

Box office receipts go to show that, at all events in Hong Kong, an adventure story of the "Beau Geste" type, with a good seasoning of sentiment, is the most popular type of film. Next come tragedy, "Resurrection" which was a great success, is a case in point. Tragedy, we were told, will not bring full houses on the first day, as a general rule, but invariably it does so later when it has been talked about. After tragedy comes comedy, and comedy with a suspicion of tears like "The Gold Rush" for example, makes a wider appeal than rollicking absurdity like "For Heaven's Sake" or "Westerns," as the successors of the original cow boy films are now called, have a comparatively small following among English audiences, but are very popular with the Chinese. The domestic drama, happily for the artistic future of the film industry comes last on the list, and looks like being a back number at no very distant date.

Variety.

But variety is the first essential. Experience shows that two comedies however, are not wanted to follow one after the other: Sunday's houses may be packed but Tuesday's will suffer. It can be no easy task to ring the changes on adventure, tragedy, comedy and drama, and to ring them true. Sunday's audience does not like the fare which those who come on Saturday appreciate, the theatre must also avoid a reputation for showing either "high brow" or "low brow" pictures exclusively. That the Queen's is always well filled shows that the selection is well done, and the pictures are what is wanted by the majority of its patrons.

New Lighting Effects.

The new lighting effects shown for the first time with "Beau Geste" have proved successful as they serve to throw the picture into greater relief and increase the stereoscopic illusion. To-day the surround is to be amber, and for a picture, which is coming soon, showing a fire, it will turn to red during that episode.

The Organ.

The new organ is expected to be ready in about six weeks. Unfortunately work on it was delayed, owing to the ill health of the expert who is putting it up, and it must in any case take a long time as can only work at it during the mornings when the theatre is empty.

That excellent house cleaning organisation whose sign is "Health" have been engaged to keep the theatre clean and disinfected. The Queen's has always looked fresh and the air there is excellent owing to the suction fans in the roof, but the present arrangement makes it as clean and healthy as your own home.

"THE EAGLE."

RUDOLF VALENTINO AT THE WORLD.

"The Eagle" is a film version of a story dealing with the Court of Russia written by Alexandre Pushkin. Louise Dresser, who is a actress of very considerable ability, though no longer in her first youth, plays the Czarina, a lovely, capricious and autocratic woman. But she is not the typical film queen whom you would apply those adjectives to. Louise Dresser has invested her with authority and nobility and even with a certain pathos.

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In Hong Kong several cases of importance have

been heard in the local courts, and great interest has been aroused in the charges of fraud brought against Col. Christie and Mr. Blum, full reports of which are given. Also of interest is the prosecution of one of their employers, by the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, for tampering with a gas meter and avoiding payment.

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attend a farewell reception to the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Cathedral Chaplain, who has now left the Colony. A handsome presentation was made and warm tributes paid to Mrs. Moyle's work.

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GIRLS WHO BLUSH AT PARIS PROGRAMMES.

PARIS, Nov. 22nd.

French peasants are complaining to the Government that the broadcast programmes of Paris wireless stations are "too immoral for children's ears."

The peasants complain of the broadcasting of jazz music, which, they declare, has ruined Paris and driven Parisians mad. Some of the musical comedy performances broadcast have, they state, contained lines and songs which have brought blushes to the cheeks of village maidens who listen-in.

The Czarina falls in love with a handsome young officer of her guard, played by Rudolph Valentino, but he incurs her wrath by refusing her overtures. Rudolph, outwitted, becomes a bandit leader called "The Black Eagle" and wages a war against a certain Knylla who has stolen his father's estates. Knylla's lovely daughter, charmingly played by Vilma Banky, stifles Valentino's desire for vengeance, and while eloping with her he is captured and later pardoned by the Czarina.

There are several very well staged episodes in the Russian Palace and many of the countryside scenes are charming. Valentino and Miss Banky are too well loved to need further recommendation, and the film is certainly worth seeing. It moves quickly and has a good exciting story to tell.



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A FRENCH LEGIONARY'S STORY. BRITISH SOLDIER OF FORTUNE WHO DESERTED. DID WELL ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

In view of the success here of the film "Beau Geste" dealing with life in the Foreign Legion special interest attaches to this account of the adventures of John Harvey, a deserter from that force, whose sentence in a French prison was recently remitted.

Harvey said "Life in the Legion is hell in peace time." He enjoyed the active service and did well, but he evidently does not flourish anywhere in the piping times of peace.

CLAIRVAUX (France), December 11th.
"My God, it is good to speak English again."

These were the first words, when I saw him in his French prison to-day, of John Harvey, the British subject who is serving a sentence of five years for desertion from the French Foreign Legion.

He deserted in Syria in May 1926 with Bennett Doty, the American, who has just been released, and two Germans and a Pole.

One of Harvey's fellow prisoners in the same prison is a Frenchman named Quin, who was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment by a Paris court some years ago for having denounced Edith Cavell to the German Secret Police.

Fought At Ypres.
Harvey is a native of Cardiff. He enlisted at 17 as the age of seventeen in the 1st South Wales Borderers, qualifying his age in order to be accepted. He was in all the heavy fighting during the last eighteen months of the war, and had his skull cracked by a shell splinter at Ypres.

Civilian life was too dull, and Harvey in March 1922 went to Dunkirk, where he joined the Foreign Legion for the usual six years' enlistment. He was trained at the Legion headquarters at Skikda in Algeria.

When the Druse tribes had wiped out General Michaud's column of 4,000 men Harvey was sent to Syria, where he was recommended for the French War Cross for heroic conduct. He finally ran away to Transjordan after the fighting had died down.

Harvey was sentenced to imprisonment in a fortress, but owing to the lack of military prisons in France he is now serving his time in the Clairvaux civil prison with a number of thieves and murderers. His term has been reduced to four years on account of good conduct, and as he has already served eighteen months, he still has thirty months to put in.

Talk In French.
When he was led into the little room, where prisoners are allowed to receive visitors, he made the above dramatic exclamation, but in accordance with the rules, he switched off into French, which he speaks rather badly.

It was a strange interview. Harvey, a straight-forward-looking man, in the dark-brown prison uniform, was behind thick bars, and shook with emotion.

I was at the other side of the room, behind a heavy steel screen. A French warder stood in a kind of corridor, a yard wide, between the bars and the screen to see that nothing was passed to the prisoner.

"I am certainly grateful to the Daily Express for having sent you here," continued Harvey. "You are the first visitor I have had for eighteen months, and eighteen months is a long time so bad when in prison. It was not so bad when he spoke English, and we had an opportunity to talk almost every day. But he was pardoned some months ago and sent back to the Legion in Algeria to serve out his time."

I asked Harvey if he knew that Doty had been released from the Legion last week, owing to the intervention of American authorities, and was now in Paris enjoying himself.

Sentenced To Be Shot.
"I cannot understand it," the young prisoner exclaimed bitterly. "We both deserted together in May 1926, after the fighting in Syria was over. Doty insisted on

taking his rifle with him, and when we were captured and tried by a French court-martial in August, Doty was sentenced to be shot, while I was sentenced to imprisonment."

"The two Germans and the Pole who went along with us were let off with a few months, as they claimed that they did not want to desert, but that Doty had forced them to go. American newspaper correspondents, however, stirred up such a storm over the prospects of Doty being shot that his sentence was reduced to eight years."

We were both sent to Clairvaux, a military prison in France, and when it was closed at the end of last year we were sent here.

"I can endure the imprisonment, the shame, the hard work, and the cold here, but the injustice of my treatment compared with that of Doty tears my heart."

"I have written to the British Government a number of times asking them to intervene in my favour; but I have never had a reply."

The court-martial of the five deserters at the Damascus Citadel in August 1926 was extremely dramatic. The two Germans and the Pole had thrown all the blame on Doty for having organised the desertion, but when Harvey's turn came he faced the court like a man.

"It is not true," he said. "Gilbert Claret (Doty's name in the Legion) was not the only leader of the party. I did not need any man to lead me away. I had fully decided to desert, and I just happened to go with him. I am as much responsible as he was."

The court-martial, in spite of Harvey's evidence, sentenced Doty to be shot, as discipline is strict in the Foreign Legion, but the Germans and the Pole put up such a sorrowful tale that they were released immediately and sent back to their regiment.

I am receiving a raw deal here, but I cannot complain much about my treatment," Harvey continued. "I work in a tailor's shop making clothes for soldiers, and I get a little pay for it. I ought to be in the military section of the prison, but I am not. If I were there I should be allowed to smoke, and should have other small privileges."

"The governor of the prison is a very kind, however, and has done everything he can for me. I am cold here, and would like to receive a sweater and some medium-size woollen caps to send them to me. I cannot receive any food or other presents."

After Release.
When asked if he had made any plans for the future, Harvey said gloomily that when he was released he would probably be sent back to the Foreign Legion to serve out his term of enlistment. "I like France," he said, "and I would even be glad to fight for France again if there was another war, but life in the Legion in peace time is hell. I must stay here for thirty months more, and then do almost five years in the Legion—I shall be an old man when I get out. The Algerian sun is man-killing."

The Legionnaire is really fortunate in being at Clairvaux, which is a village between Bar-sur-Aube and Chaumont. The establishment there, which is known in French law as a "house of detention," occupies a vast group of buildings that were originally built as an abbey by St. Bernard in the 11th century. There are many open spaces, and the prisoners, who are divided into several categories, have considerable freedom, although they are locked up at night. Daily Express.

WIDOW'S AGONY ON A PYRE.
DEAD HUSBAND IN HER ARMS.
ALLAHABAD.
A remarkable story comes from Barh, in the Patna district, concerning a Brahmin woman's determination to follow the ancient but nowadays very rare practice of "suttee."

This is the practice by which a widow immolates herself on the funeral pyre of her husband; thereby, according to her faith, acquiring great religious merit. It was abolished by the British in 1829.

The woman's intention was widely proclaimed. A crowd of 5,000 assembled on the banks of the Ganges and cheered when the widow climbed to the top of the pyre and took the body of her dead husband in her arms.

COMMAND OF THE "HERMES."

The command of H.M.S. *Hermes*, the air-craft carrier, which is now at Chatham for alterations and refit for service on the China Station, has changed hands. Capt. Ralph Elliot, C.B.E., has been succeeded by Captain Geoffrey Hopwood, C.B.E., from Chatham Harbours. The *Hermes* is expected to be out of Dockyard hands by January 10th.

"The Cornflower."

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 Peking Maru, Japanese str., 1,666 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K.
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January 5th.
 Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Singapore and Amoy, with firewood and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—B. & S.
 Atagusan Maru, Japanese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. T. Takifu, from Moji, which port she left on December 30th, with a cargo of coal, lying at Wanchai.—M.B.K.
 Fukujin Maru, Japanese str., 1,297 tons, Capt. K. Swakawa, from Swatow, lying at buoy No. A8.—M.B.K.
 Garmula, British str., 3,234 tons, Capt. W. Dewhurst, from Moji, which port she left on December 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
 Hupeh, British str., 1,203 tons, Capt. T. Maley, from Haiphong and Hoibow, with general cargo and pigs, lying at buoy No. C18.—B. & S.
 Kure Maru, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 Linchow, French str., 1,410 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Haiphong and Hoibow, with rice, coal and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37.—Sing Kee Co.
 Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. T. Yasuhama, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—N.Y.K.
 Malva, British str., 10,095 tons, Capt. W. A. Norman, R.N.R., from London, which port she left on December 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
 Mexico Maru, Japanese str., 2,555 tons, Capt. T. Motoshige, from Moji, which port she left on December 30th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.
 (Continued on next column.)

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
 President Grant, Jan. 8th.
 President Jefferson, Jan. 9th.
 Australian-Oriental Line.
 Taiping, to-day.
 Changte, Feb. 7th.
 Bank Line.
 City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th.
 City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
 City of Denares, Feb. 12th.
 City of Adelaide, Feb. 12th.
 City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
 City of Carlisle, April 14th.
 Blue Funnel Line.
 Myrmidon, to-morrow.
 Rhezenor, Jan. 9th.
 Hector, Jan. 11th.
 Mentor, Jan. 16th.
 Proteus, Jan. 17th.
 Troilus, Jan. 21st.
 Neleus, Jan. 23rd.
 Amphion, Feb. 2nd.
 Philoctetes, Feb. 8th.
 Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
 Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
 Antioch, Feb. 19th.
 Achilles, Feb. 27th.
 Medon, Feb. 28th.
 Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.
 Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
 Calchas, Mar. 4th.
 Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.
 Hector, Mar. 16th.
 Teiresias, Mar. 18th.
 Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.
 Eurymachus, Mar. 27th.
 British-India and Apecar Line.
 Takliwa, Jan. 13th.
 Santha, Jan. 27th.
 Canadian Pacific Line.
 Empress of Canada, Jan. 10th.
 Dodwell & Co.
 Bowes Castle, Jan. 22nd.
 East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
 Java, Jan. 29th.
 Australia, Feb. 15th.
 Asia, Feb. 21st.
 Afrika, Mar. 21st.
 Malaya, April 15th.
 Denmark, May 25th.

CLEARANCES.

January 5th.
 Atlantic, for Chinwangtao.
 Bandung Maru, for Moji.
 Pasa, for Shanghai.
 Borneo, for Hoibow.
 Garmula, for Singapore.
 Hui Hong, for Swatow.
 Havana Maru, for Keelung.
 Hydrangea, for Swatow.
 Kwai Sung, for Canton.
 Lushan Maru, for Canton.
 Malva, for Singapore.
 Mexico Maru, for Singapore.
 Myrmidon, for Takao.
 Peking Maru, for Shanghai.
 Skua, for Shanghai.
 Song Ba, for Canton.
 Tak Hing, for Macao.
 Taming, for Swatow.
 Fulcrum, for Miri.
 Fingchow, for Canton.
 Yuen Sung, for Singapore.
 Prince Line.
 Japanese Prince, Jan. 26th.
 Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
 Delhi, Jan. 13th.
 Ceylon, Feb. 5th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tanda, Feb. 8th.
 St. Albans, Mar. 5th.
 Glen Line.
 Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.
 Glenamoy, Jan. 28th.
 Glenamoy, Feb. 2nd.
 Glenamoy, Feb. 3rd.
 Glenamoy, Mar. 4th.
 Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie.
 Ermland, to-morrow.
 Oldenburg, Jan. 14th.
 Havelland, Jan. 23rd.
 Saarland, Feb. 8th.
 Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 23rd.
 Holland East Asia Line.
 Oosterk, Jan. 10th.
 Java-China-Japan Lijn.
 Tijmanoeck, Jan. 6th.
 Tijpanas, Jan. 10th.
 Tijlalai, Jan. 18th.
 Tijlarum, Jan. 18th.
 Tijlondar, Jan. 19th.
 Tijlaurer, Jan. 23rd.
 Tijlodon, Jan. 30th.
 Tijkenbang, Feb. 2nd.
 Tijlondar, Feb. 6th.
 Messageries Maritimes.
 D'Arnyan, Jan. 21st.
 Yangtze, Jan. 23rd.
 General Mettinger, Feb. 1st.
 Sphinx, Feb. 15th.
 Pothos, Feb. 19th.
 Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
 Anhalt, Jan. 12th.
 Saarbrücken, Jan. 17th.
 Coblenz, Feb. 14th.
 Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 Katori Maru, Jan. 8th.
 Taiyo Maru, Jan. 8th.
 Durban Maru, Jan. 8th.
 Morioka Maru, Jan. 8th.
 Awa Maru, Jan. 10th.
 Awa Maru, Jan. 12th.
 Kure Maru, Jan. 12th.
 Gyo Maru, Jan. 13th.
 Kito Maru, Jan. 13th.
 Tajima Maru, Jan. 14th.
 Aki Maru, Jan. 17th.
 Mithuna Maru, Jan. 17th.
 Ceylon Maru, Jan. 17th.
 Kamakura Maru, Jan. 19th.
 Kuroda Maru, Jan. 19th.
 Moji Maru, Jan. 20th.
 Yamagata Maru, Jan. 20th.
 Atsuta Maru, Jan. 23rd.
 Matsuyama Maru, Jan. 24th.
 Malaca Maru, Jan. 26th.
 Haruna Maru, Jan. 27th.
 Tenyo Maru, Jan. 27th.
 Sado Maru, Jan. 27th.
 Kogane Maru, Jan. 30th.
 Seigo Maru, Jan. 30th.
 Peninsular and Oriental.
 Morea, to-day.
 Yellure, Jan. 12th.
 Khyber, Jan. 20th.
 Khyber, Feb. 3rd.
 Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
 Nagpore, Feb. 10th.
 Kalyan, Feb. 17th.
 Kashi, Feb. 17th.
 Mantua, Mar. 1st.
 Lahore, Mar. 11th.
 Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
 Morea, Mar. 20th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Morea left Shanghai for Hong Kong on the 3rd inst. at 4 p.m., with the mails, and is due here to-day (Friday) about 8 a.m.
 The R.M.S. Empress of Asia (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25th (Wednesday).

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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHAKSANG" "KWAISANG" "HOPSANG" "HANGSANG"	Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m. Wed., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m. Sun., 15th Jan., at 7 a.m. Wed., 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN	"CHONGSHING"	Tues., 10th Jan., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG" "LAISANG"	Mon., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m. Wed., 25th Jan., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG" "CHONGSHING" "HOPSANG"	Fri., 8th Jan., at 4 a.m. Sat., 7th Jan., at 3 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Tues., 10th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Satur., 7th Jan., at 11 a.m. Wed., 25th Jan., at 3 p.m.

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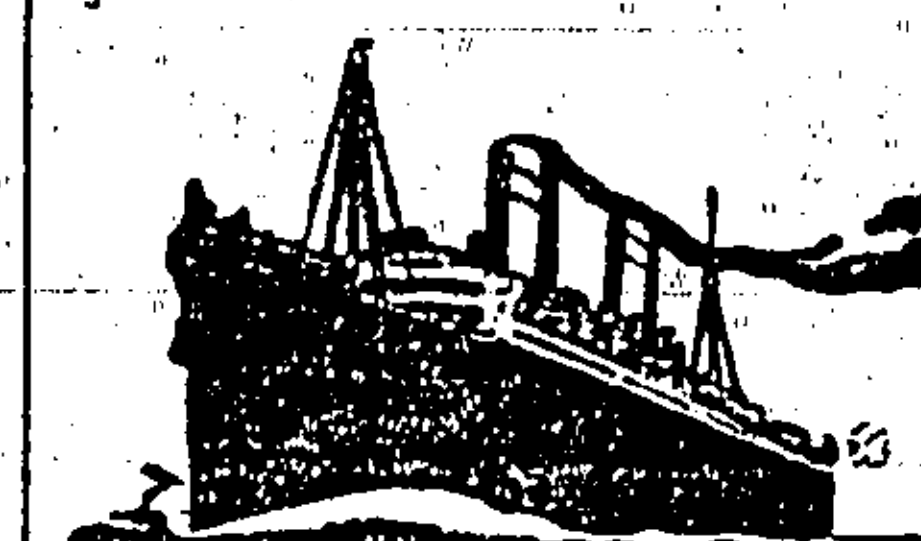
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOIY"	21st January, 1928
Steamship "GLEN SANDA"	27th January
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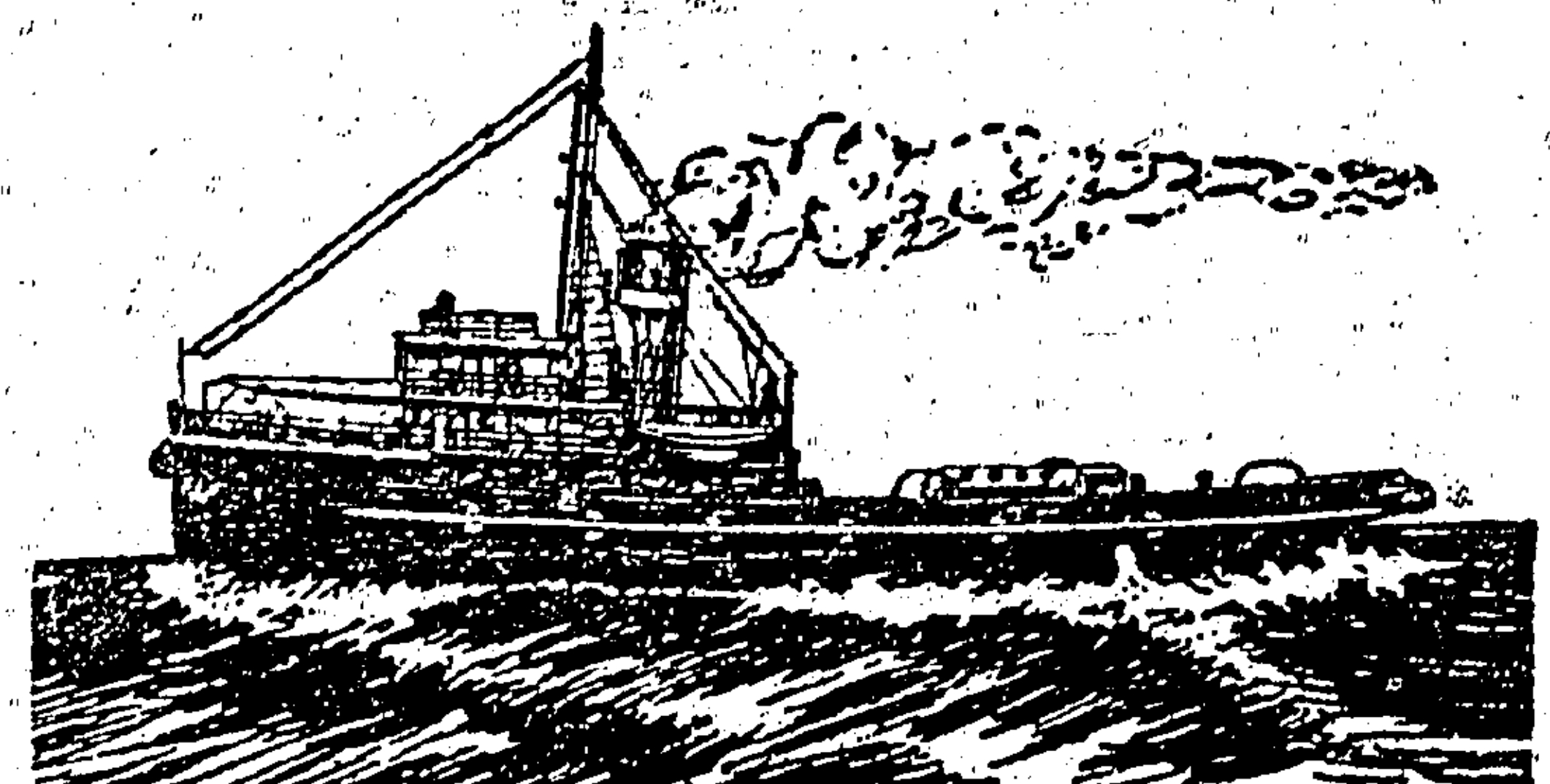
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Mores	8th Jan.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Taipei	8th Jan.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Taipei	8th Jan.
CALCUTTA & STRAITS	Namsang	8th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Grant	8th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Namsang	8th Jan.
MANILA	Pres. Jefferson	9th Jan.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Canada	10th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Calcutta via Straits	Garvula	Friday, 8th Jan. 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chasun	10.30 A.M.
Formosa	Albera Fagler	4.30 P.M.
Seigon	Phaun Penh	5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd Feb., 1928	Mores	Monday, 9th Jan. 9.00 A.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 31st Jan.	Tyndarus	Monday, 9th Jan. 8.30 A.M.
Hankow	Musung	Saturday, 7th Jan. 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Tonkin	8.30 P.M.
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Armland	8.30 P.M.
Amoy	Anlung	5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Haikow & Haiphong	Song Bo	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwanchow	Sunday, 8th Jan. 8.30 A.M.
Haikow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Lonan	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kaijo Maru	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Szechuen	Monday, 9th Jan. 8.30 A.M.
Amoy	Namsang	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tuesday, 10th Jan. 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th Feb.	Orasie	Reg. 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 30th Jan., & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Reg. 1.45 P.M.
Amoy	Sunning	Reg. 4.15 P.M.
Swatow	Kwas Sang	Reg. 5.00 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Wednesday, 11th Jan. 1.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th January	Taipei	Friday, 13th Jan. 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Saturday, 14th Jan. 4.00 P.M.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Friday, 20th Jan. 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 12th Feb., & Europe via Siberia	Empress of Asia	Wednesday, 24th Jan. 9.00 A.M.

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